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Lambda Blasts Bush Order

E-MAIL

*This was sent to us from **Michael Adams** of the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund.*

In a slap in the face to the gay community, **President Bush** recently issued an executive order authorizing federal funding for religious groups that use their beliefs to justify discrimination in hiring.

Bush heralded the order as ending the "days of discriminating against religious groups just because they are religious" and gave himself a pat on the back for "fighting age-old attitudes, habits and rules" that discriminate against faith.

Ironically, the President intends to help out faith groups by giving them federal funds to pay for another "age-old" habit: anti-gay bigotry dressed up as religion. Unfortunately, gays and lesbians are among the chief targets of publicly-funded religious groups that use their beliefs to justify employment discrimination.

Just ask **Aimee Bellmore**. Bellmore was a highly regarded youth counselor at the United Methodist Children's Home, a Georgia agency that gets 40 percent of its budget from tax dollars. But when the agency discovered that Bellmore is a lesbian, it promptly fired her. The reason given was straightforward: Bellmore's sexual orientation conflicts with the Methodist Children's Home's religious beliefs and teachings.

To be sure, gays and lesbians are not the only ones who are hurt by this publicly-financed discrimination. The same agency that fired Aimee Bellmore also refused to hire a highly qualified counselor named **Alan Yorker**.

You see, Yorker is Jewish. When that inconvenient fact came out during his job interview, the discussion was terminated on the spot with the explanation that the publicly-funded Methodist Children's Home only hires Christians. (Bellmore and Yorker are both being represented by Lambda Legal in a civil rights lawsuit against the Home and the State of Georgia, which provides public funds to the agency.)

President Bush's executive order places the federal stamp of approval on such discriminatory practices, and encourages organizations like the Methodist Children's Home to apply for and receive federal funds. The only way the President could accomplish this was to cast aside a pre-existing executive order that banned employment discrimination by federal contractors.

That executive order had been in effect since 1941! Thus the Bush Administration, in its zeal to funnel tax dollars to religious organizations, has turned the clock back more than sixty years on civil rights.

Some in the gay community have found a ray of light in the fact that the President did not heed right-wing efforts to empower federally-funded religious groups to ignore state and local laws that prohibit employment discrimination against gay people. While even the smallest of victories cannot be overlooked, this one is small indeed.

> ***Our community must forcefully support all these efforts. We cannot sit by and quietly watch our own tax dollars be used to pay for discrimination against us.***

First of all, only a dozen states–and even a smaller minority of cities and towns–have gay rights laws. Second of all, almost all of those laws explicitly exempt religious employers from coverage already. (While Lambda Legal and other civil rights organizations believe that this exemption cannot constitutionally be applied when a religious group receives public funds, it will take years for that issue to be definitively resolved by the courts)

Of course, religious organizations like Catholic Charities and United Jewish Committees have received public funding for years. But for more than sixty years federal funding came with the caveat that the contractor was prohibited from discriminating in employment.

This prohibition helped gay employees, even though sexual orientation was not explicitly included, because it banned religiously motivated discrimination, whether that discrimination was against gays and lesbians like Aimee Bellmore or members of religious minorities like Alan Yorker. President Bush has now thrown those protections out the window.

Our community must be clear about what's at stake. Under the President's new executive order our federal tax dollars will be used to subsidize organizations who proudly trumpet their refusal to hire any gay or lesbian person. Apparently, we have a very long way to go to convince President Bush that he cannot sacrifice our community's aspirations for equal treatment in order to give a boost to religious organizations who want to dip into the federal till.

But this battle is far from over. In the months ahead there will likely be efforts in Congress to beat back this latest assault on civil rights. And lawsuits like Lambda Legal's challenge to public funding of the United Methodist Children's Home will continue and hopefully convince the courts to put a stop to public funding of discrimination.

While the legal challenges may offer more hope than the political battles in the short term, our community must forcefully support all these efforts. We cannot sit by and quietly watch our own tax dollars be used to pay for discrimination against us.

– Michael Adams
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Gay Soliders Don't Dodge Draft

Following U.S. Rep. **Charles Rangel**'s (D-New York) announcement that he would recommend reinstating the draft, a group of 15 gays and lesbians now serving in all branches of the military has written to Congress to propose that if the draft returns, acknowledged homosexuals should be included in the armed forces.

The president of the Gay and Lesbian Service Members for Equality (GLSME) submitted the January 6 letter to Congress through an intermediary: the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM), in order to preserve anonymity.

> ***Homosexuals should be included in the armed forces.***

CSSMM staff members conducted background interviews and checks to verify GLSME's authenticity after the group's president first contacted them in November. According to the letter, which was addressed to Senator **William Frist** (R-Tennesseee) and Representative **Dennis Hastert** (R-IL), GLSME members propose "that if there is a draft, gays and lesbians should be included...and called on to sacrifice like everybody else. So, we ask you to call for the inclusion of acknowledged homosexuals if the draft is re-instated."

The letter follows last week's declaration by Professor **Charles Moskos**, the primary architect of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, that the gay ban should be scrapped if the draft returns. Moskos said "You can't use a gay ban with a draft because that would make it too easy for people to get out." ▼

Info: www.gaymilitary.ucsb.edu

Gay Greens Growl About War

The Lavender Green Caucus of the Green Party of the United States recently adopted and released a strongly worded position statement opposing **President Bush**'s planned invasion of Iraq.

The caucus, representing GLBT people in the Green Party, stressed the special dangers that the war would pose to human rights in general and the hypocrisy of the Defense Department's discriminatory 'don't ask, don't tell' policy.

"In November, the U.S. Army fired nine linguists, including six trained in Arabic, for being gay– at a time when translators might be most valuable in everything from negotiation to intelligence," said **Brandon Lacy Campos**, a Minnesota Green and caucus member.

"But quite often, the military suspends its discharge of gay personnel during wartime. In other words, queer soldiers are prohibited from peacetime careers, but may serve as cannon fodder during a war."

"Make no mistake: American soldiers, gay and straight alike, will serve as cannon fodder in George W. Bush's bid to topple **Saddam Hussein** and gain control over Iraqi oil reserves," added Lacy Campos, who drafted the statement.

"The Administration's policies are not only hypocritical and stupid (in the case of the fired Army linguists), but show complete disregard for human lives and human rights."

The Lavender Green Caucus is the first caucus in the Green Party to have achieved official status within the national party. The caucus holds a voting seat on the party's central Coordinating Committee, on which all affiliated state Green Parties are represented.

Other caucuses, representing African Americans, Latinos, and women in the party, are also forming.

Green caucuses offer policy and platform recommendations to the national, state, and local parties and to Green candidates, and help bring more people and greater diversity into the Green Party.

The Lavender Caucus includes Greens from at least 28 states and the District of Columbia, as well as some living abroad.

"The military's current policies are truly bipartisan," said **Starlene Rankin**, a caucus member and California-based Green. "**President Clinton** approved 'don't ask, don't tell,' which led to a dramatic rise in antigay witchhunts, and he also conducted a low-intensity war on Iraq, through the bombing campaigns and the sanctions that killed and maimed Iraqi civilians.

"Bush has taken all of these destructive policies to the next level, with the support of many Democrats in Congress." ▼

Info: www.greens.org

'Don't Ask' Author Changes Attitude

Northwestern University Professor **Charles Moskos**, the primary author of the current U.S. policy on gay and lesbian soldiers known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" said that he supports allowing known gays to serve in the military if the nation reinstitutes the draft.

Moskos, an influential military sociologist who has been widely consulted by policy-makers on military personnel issues, offered his remarks to researchers at the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM), an official research unit of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"If an open gay said, 'I want to go into the army,' it would be his prerogative," Moskos said. "Of course, there would be problems with that, there would be hassles, but they probably could be overcome."

Moskos, who has been criticized by colleagues and civil rights advocates for his defense of the military's anti-gay policy, acknowledged that his support for drafting gays might appear to undermine the rationale for banning openly gay soldiers.

But he said the draft was a "higher virtue" than the privacy rights of straight soldiers, which he has frequently cited in his opposition to letting gays serve openly with straights.

He added that instituting the draft would require ending all forms of the gay ban. "You can't use a gay ban with a draft because that would make it too easy for people to get out," he said.

A 1999 study by **Armando Estrada**, currently a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, found that 47% of male combat marines believe that if the draft is re-instated, gays and lesbians should be included just like everyone else.

According to **Geoffrey Bateman**, Assistant Director of the CSSMM, "Including gays and lesbians in the military would reflect this country's tradition of tolerance and diversity that have sustained our democracy for so long." ▼

Info: www.gaymilitary.ucsb.edu

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Austrian Consent Age Illegal

The European Court of Human Rights published its judgments in three cases challenging Austria's "Article 209" which established discriminatory age of consent for gay men.

The Court found existing laws to be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights, and in particular of Article 14, the right to non-discrimination. Article 209 was already repealed in July 2002 following a ruling of the Austrian Constitutional Court.

The judgments impact Europe as well as Austria. The European Court of Human Rights established unequivocally that discriminatory age of consent laws are a violation of the European Convention on Human Rights. This applies to all Council of Europe countries with age of consent laws discriminating on the grounds of sexual orientation.

Nico Beger, ILGA-Europe co-delegate to the Council of Europe, said "These judgments mean there is no longer any excuse for those Council of Europe member states which still have discriminatory age of consent laws, [including] Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

"We call on them to honor their obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights and repeal these laws immediately."▼

info: www.ilga-europe.org

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Task Force Joins Anti-war Coalition

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced its opposition to the possibly impending war against Iraq by joining a new coalition called: "Keep America Safe: Win Without War."

On December 11th, a broad coalition of major progressive civil rights, business, religious, and environmental leaders announced the launching of this group whose founding members include: the NAACP; the National Organization for Women; Move On; the Sierra Club; the National Council of Churches; Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities; Working Assets; the Leadership Conference of Women Religious; Physicians for Social Responsibility; the Rainbow Push Coalition; and Women's Action for New Directions.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director, **Lorri L. Jean**, echoed the sentiments of the founding members of the group.

"The goal of this coalition is to mobilize a broad cross section of American society in opposition to Bush Administration calls for a unilateral invasion," said Jean.

"In the aftermath of September 11th, we have grown increasingly alarmed that under the guise of a nation at war, the Bush Administration has eviscerated many of the fundamental principles upon which this nation was founded and which are at the very core of our free and democratic society," she continued. "Without the constitutional rights and protections now being gutted by this Administration, our GLBT movement would not be where it is today."

"All of us are endangered by the behavior of this Administration, especially its use of the post-9/11 climate of fear to advance their broader political goals," she concluded. ▼

Info: www.ngltf.org

GOP Picks NYC For Convention

The Empire State Pride Agenda, New York's state wide lesbian and gay civil rights organization, welcomed the Republican National Committee's (RNC) decision to hold its 2004 national convention in New York City.

Upon hearing that RNC Chairman **Marc Racicot** said that "New York City will provide an outstanding backdrop to showcase our candidate and our Party in 2004," Pride Agenda Executive Director **Matt Foreman** agreed saying, "The Republican Convention will provide a great opportunity for the National Republican Party to highlight the steps New York's GOP leaders have taken to advance equal rights for gay people."

"Here in New York City, Republican Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** supported and signed legislation in 2002 extending civil rights protections to transgender people and appointed openly gay and lesbian people to key offices," said Foreman.

He also noted that Mayor Bloomberg's predecessor, **Rudolph Giuliani**, was also pro-gay and introduced and helped pass a comprehensive domestic partnership law in 1998.

On a statewide level, Republican Governor **George Pataki** was identified as somebody who used the power of his office to win bipartisan passage of a gay-inclusive hate crimes law in 2000 and a law banning anti-gay discrimination in employment, education, housing and public accommodations in 2002.

"We hope that between now and the convention in 2004, national Republican leaders follow the example of Republicans here in New York State on GLBT issues and pass national hate crimes and employment non-discrimination legislation long stalled in the U.S. Congress," said Foreman. ▼

Info: www.prideagenda.org

Same-Sex Kissing Prisoners Denied

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Arizona has agreed to represent **Karl Whitmire** in his case challenging the Arizona Department of Corrections' (DOC) policy barring same-sex couples from kissing in the visitation area of the prison.

Departmental policy specifies that "a brief kiss and/or embrace" is permitted at the beginning and end of the visitation period for inmates who are allowed contact visits. The rules prohibit same-sex kissing except if the visitor is a relative or member of the immediate family.

Whitmire said he was explicitly told by prison staffers that he was not permitted to hug or kiss his incarcerated partner, **William Lyster**, during visits. After Lyster briefly hugged his partner, he was told that "if that happens again, it will be a long time before you see him."

Whitmire filed a complaint which was then dismissed by the trial court. Whitmire appealed, and was represented in his appeal by the ACLU and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the trial judge and found that the Whitmire case should go forward.

In October 2001, the DOC changed their policy to permit same-sex hugs, but still not kisses. The DOC said that the ban is "for the prisoner's own vsafety."

Lyster is set to be released sometime in November of 2003. The ACLU said that this case will not be finished prior to that date. When Whitmire's partner is released, this case becomes moot and will be dismissed despite the fact that the DOC policy barring kissing remains.

Therefore, the ACLU is seeking w to add additional plaintiffs to the suit and make it a class action suit, specifically GLBT people who have a significant other of the same sex in prison. ▼

Info: www.aclu.org

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Lesbians Voted 'Cutest Couple'

Two seniors at a suburban Chicago high school have been chosen "cutest couple" by their classmates.

The girls' parents were reportedly a bit alarmed, but they ultimately agreed to let their daughters appear as the crowned couple in their yearbook.

This is not the first time homosexuals have received high social honors from their peers. A gay student was chosen as homecoming king in San Anselmo in 1999, and in 2002, a Ferndale, Washington, lesbian was chosen as king of her prom. ▼

www.ap.com

Michigan Out at the Movies

After nearly two years, Michigan once again has a GLBT Film Festival.

Reel Pride Michigan's vision is to celebrate the love, life and diversity of the GLBT community during the eight day festival running Jan 24-31 featuring 16 screenings of 28 films. ▼

Info: www.realpridemichigan.com

Author Aprés-Ski Week

Judy Shepard, Executive Director of The **Matthew Shepard** Foundation, is coming to the 26th Annual Aspen Gay & Lesbian Ski Week (January19-26) to participate in a number of activities and to show her on-going commitment to her son's dreams, beliefs and aspirations.

Also attending is **Esera Tuaolo**, a former NFL star who recently came out on national television who is making his singing debut in front of a gay audience at the awards ceremony.

The Aspen Gay & Lesbian Ski Week is also the launch of Judy Shepard's book promotion tour, Judy will be signing copies of her new book, *A Face in the Crowd* at the Sky Hotel, just for Ski Week guests. ▼

Info: www.gayskiweek.com

Shame on "the Beef People"

Southern supermarket giant Winn-Dixie–the self-proclaimed "Beef People"–is being remembered by transgender people for the third anniversary of a federal court ruling that allowed the discrimination of part-time crossdresser.

Peter Oiler, a 23-year Winn-Dixie employee, was fired after it was discovered he enjoyed wearing women's clothes on his own time while away from work. The Supreme Court ruled that–while morally questionable–it was a permissible reason for termination under current US law.

Activist across the nation are re-organizing protests of the supermarket chain to remind them that the GLBT community has not forgotten and to demand that Winn-Dixie institute a non-discrimination policy. ▼

Info: www.natc.org

Gay Ad Stars In 'Closet'

John Sloman and **Scott Blakeman**–stars from the 1994 gay IKEA television commercial–are among other who will be attending a benefit for the Commerical Closet Assocation, a non-profit educational and journalism organization that reaches out to ad agencies, marketers, and the mass media to encourage more inclusive and flattering representations of GLBT people.

Also scheduled to attend the NYC function on January 27 are Sotheby's auctioneer **Ben Doller**, and **Michael Wilke**, founder of the CCC–which claims to have the world's largest online archive of gay and lesbian themed commercials from around the world and a leading source for news and opinions on gay issues in advertising. ▼

Info: www.commericalcloset.org

Not Just Sticks and Stones

A new national survey shows that bullying and other harassment towards gay teens and teens who are perceived to be gay is widespread in America's schools and communities, according to the National Mental Health Association.

More than three-quarters (78 percent) of teens report that kids who are gay or thought to be gay are harassed in some form. Nine out of ten teens (93 percent) hear other kids at school or in their neighborhood use words like "fag," "homo," "dyke," "queer," or "gay" at least once in a while, with 51 percent of them hearing it every day. Four out of five teen respondents said they disapprove of the taunting. ▼

Info: www.nmha.org

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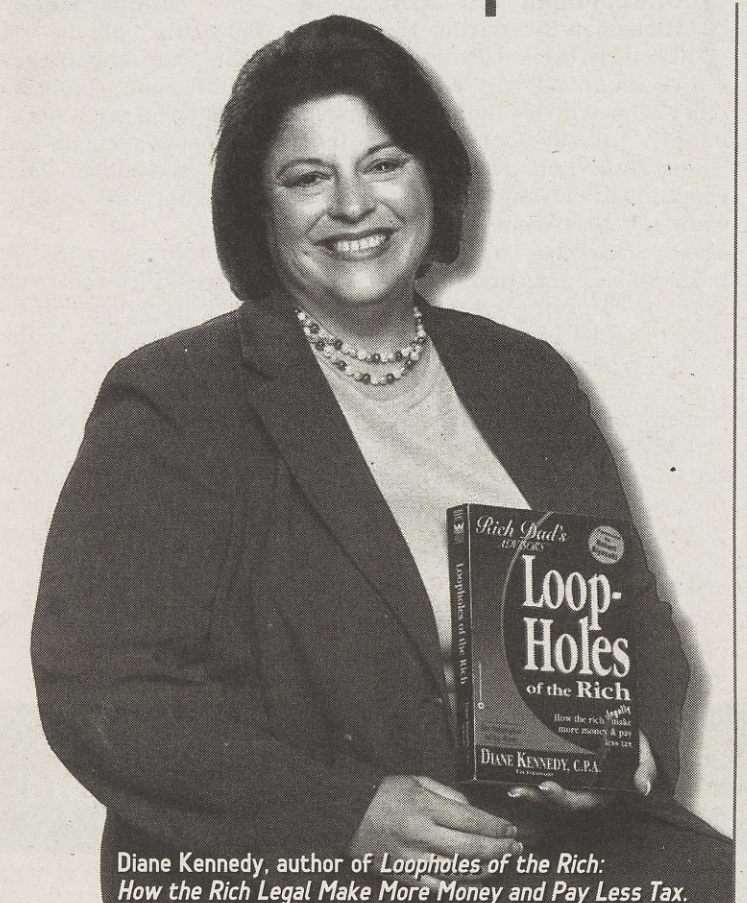

Diane Kennedy, author of *Loopholes of the Rich: How the Rich Legal Make More Money and Pay Less Tax.*

Diane Kennedy, CPA and author, has built her reputation by educating and empowering individuals and corporations, positioning them to legally, morally and ethically minimize their tax obligations. She is widely known as one of the select advisors to *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* best-selling author, **Robert Kiyosaki.**

Among the numerous emails Kennedy answers each week is the question about how a same-sex partnership can benefit by transferring real estate.

One man recently wrote, "I own a home and a rental property. My partner is getting crushed on his taxes because he has no tax breaks. I would like to transfer the rental property to his name or a portion of the property. How can I execute a tax plan and still avoid major capital gains taxes?"

Kennedy answers such matters in her book, *Loopholes of the Rich: How the Rich Legally Make More Money and Pay Less Tax.*" In the case of this inquiry, Kennedy responded, "there would be gains from a sale (fair market value minus your depreciated basis.) But there are a couple of ways to handle this matter:

• Form a limited partnership for the property. This way, you can take "minority and control discounts" on property that is gifted. Typically, these discounts are about 30%. So, where the normal gifting cap is $11,000 per year, with the discounts you could actually gift $15,714 per year.

• Keep the current property and instead refinance at low rates to get cash tax-free. You could then invest in a second property with your partner. This way, you're growing both of your wealth as well as providing some write-off possibilities for your partner.

Kennedy is also the creator of TaxCents–an educational resource founded to encourage tax-advantaged financial decisions–which recently launched the "Real Estate Wealth Builder" so people can quickly calculate how to grow wealth by using the method of leverage and additional purchases. This is available on the website *www.legaltax-loopholes.com.*

Recognized for the most entrepreneurial spirit of a business-owner in Nevada, Kennedy received the state's prestigious Blue Chip Enterprise award. She also received the National Chamber of Commerce award for Excellence in Business. She has been featured on internationally televised shows *CNN's First Business* and *CNBC's Power Lunch* and numerous radio and newspaper interviews.

Among her many economic and financial philosophies, Kennedy believes:

• Taxpayers can and should keep more of their hard-earned money by actively planning and strategizing their tax plans.

• By using the complex tax laws and rethinking how to save tax dollars, anyone can strategically structure a business to take full advantage of the tax laws.

• Everyone should work for themselves, not their boss. Financial struggle is often a direct result of people working all their lives for someone else and at the end of their working days have nothing left for themselves.

• Tax education isn't expensive; it's the not knowing that's expensive.

• There is no need to fear the IRS. There are numerous ways to legitimately claim and keep tax deductions and be protected in case of an audit. ▼

Info: www.legaltaxloopholes.com

NGLCC Gets Inc.'d

Marking a major step in the organization's evolvement, the Washington, DC-based *National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Inc., (NGLCC)* recently became a fully legal entity.

In a release, co-founders **Chance Mitchell** and **Justin Nelson** celebrated the incorporation of the NGLCC and pledged to "fight the good fight, fight the right fight, in the Halls of Congress and in board rooms across the country to ensure that gays and lesbians have every opportunity to be successful in their professional lives."

"This organization is about building a cohesive voice for our community in front of decision makers from Capitol Hill to Wall Street," said Nelson. "We will work with local gay and lesbian chambers and business organizations as well as individual members to ensure opportunities and successes for all those we represent."

The NGLCC seeks to become the leading voice for business development opportunities as well as public and private sector issues facing both gay and lesbian and gay and lesbian-friendly businesses and professionals.

For those businesses and individuals dedicated to helping launch the organization, National Founders' Circle Membership began to be offered in December. The National General Membership drive will commence in the first quarter of 2003.

"Access to capital to start or grow your business, a central repository for information and strategy, national conference and seminars, an online employment and training center, business and insurance discounts, a national business magazine, federal lobbying, private sector advocacy, and an eventual political action committee, make the NGLCC poised to ensure a stronger voice at the economic table for gays, lesbians and our allies," said Mitchell.

The NGLCC is committed to forming a broad-based coalition, representative of the various interests of gay and lesbian owned businesses and gay and lesbian friendly businesses, for the purpose of promoting economic growth and prosperity, through legislation and public and private sector advocacy, to advance the common business interests of its members. ▼

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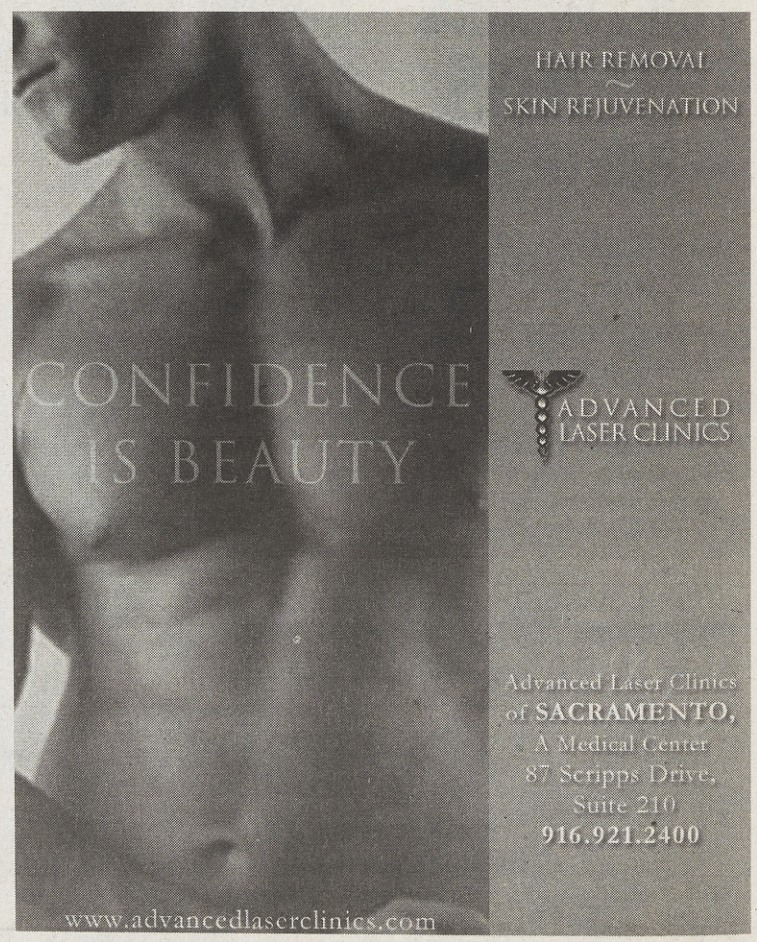

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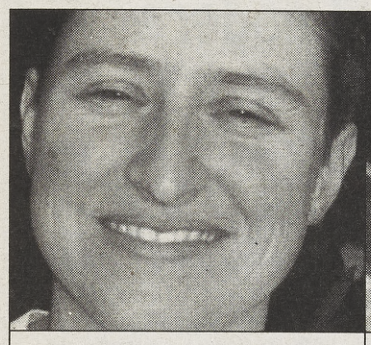
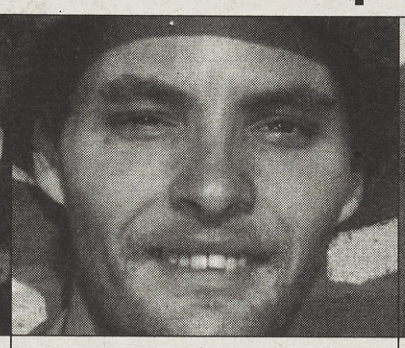


Anne Askin

Oak Park
Medical Tech

We have a timeshare in Tahoe that would trade for some exotic location in Mexico. Airfare would take up a large chunk and the rest would be spent on silver jewelry. I'd do all of this as a total surprise.



Roy Jackson

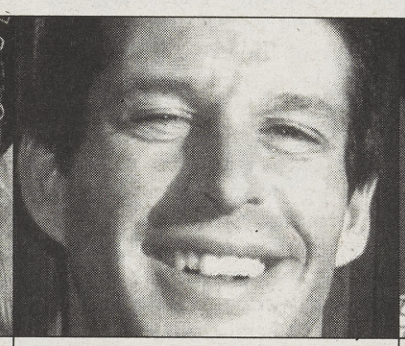
Tennessee
Horse Rancher

I would spend the money on a Virgin Islands cruise for both of us. The cruise would have to have a marriage **ceremony on February 14th!**

Dawn Noel

Sacramento
Student

I would book a nice romantic hotel in Lake Tahoe. The room has to have a spa and a king-sized bed covered with red rose petals. She'd get my undivided attention with no interruptions.



David Belisle

Santa Rosa
Self-employed

I would go for the seven day cruise to Mexico. There has to be plenty of champagne and the room has to have a balcony for toasting those oceanside West Coast sunsets.

Laura Romero

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I would take her to Napa Valley for a wine tasting experience. The gift includes a bed & breakfast inn with a romantic walk through the vineyards and a surprise engagement proposal!

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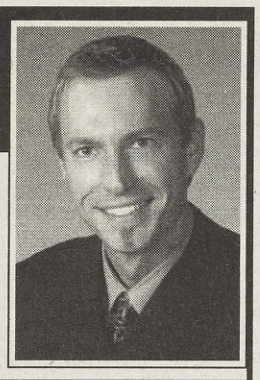

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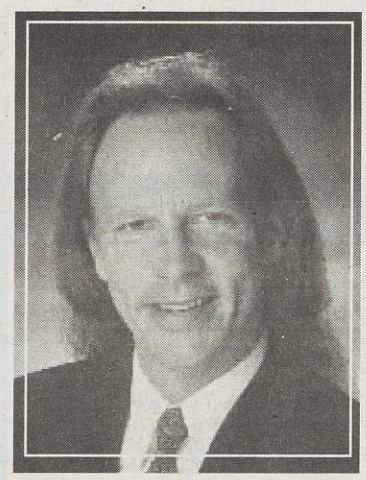

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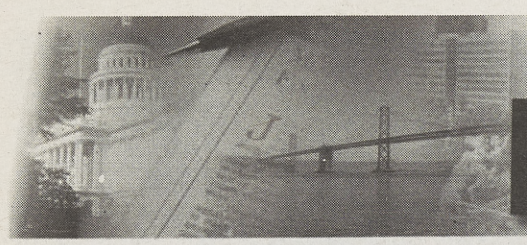

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Museum Day Returns

Nineteen greater Sacramento-area museums will be offering free admission, all day long, during the Fifth Annual Sacramento Museum Day on Saturday, February 1, from 10 am-5 pm.

Presented by the Sacramento Association of Museums (SAM), KVIE-Channel 6, and Capital Public Radio, Museum Day is a Sacramento cultural tradition.

All members of the community are invited to experience the Capital City's incredible wealth of art, culture, and history at each of the participating museums *at no cost.*

More museums than ever will be participating, and many will be offering special programming the day of the event in addition to regular exhibitions.

. Free shuttle buses sponsored by Amador Stage Lines will be running throughout the day with stopping points located at or nearby most participating SAM sites. "Step-on" tour guides provided by the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau will be on-board to assist riders and narrate the route

An estimated 60,000 museum admissions took place citywide during last year's Museum Day.

Info: www.kvie.org/museumday▼
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Historic Sacramento City Cemetery
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Museum of Medical History
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Towe Auto Museum
Wells Fargo History Museum (Old Sacramento)

New Leathermen Leaders

Members of the Sacramento Valley Leathermen (SVL) from around the valley descended upon The Bolt to cast their ballots for their board's leadership positions. New board members will be sworn this month.

A service and social organization founded in 1997 for men interested in the Leather lifestyle, SVL also raises funds for local HIV/AIDS and GLBT organizations. Check the calendar for their monthly pancake breakfasts. ▼

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Check-in the *Sci-Fi Hotel*

Beyond the Proscenium is presenting Global Village Idiot Productions (gVIP) in the world premiere of *Sci-Fi Hotel: The Musical*, a surreal tale of a disgraced and disillusioned techno-geek, beginning January 23 at the Geery Theatre (2130 L Street).

Sci-Fi Hotel–a musical and poetic celebration of imagination, dreams and myth–is set within the context of a hallucinogenic science fiction convention. After interacting with convention-goers that include a mutant, an alien, a robot, a spaceman, and even a large green bug, the techno-geek begins to find some hope in the power of imagination. ▼

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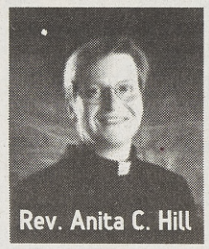
Cinematic Church Controversy

A special screening of *THIS obedience* will be presented at the St. John's Lutheran Church on January 18 at 5 pm (1701 L Street). From the personal stories of those involved to high-stakes political maneuvering of a denomination, *THIS obedience* provides insight into the historic series of events that rocked the third largest Christian denomination in the United States.


Rev. Anita C. Hill

The film follows the lesbian **Rev. Anita C. Hill** and her congregation at the St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church (SPR) from their decision to commit "ecclesiastical disobedience" by ordaining Hill.

This act was contrary to the policy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) that forbade the ordination of otherwise qualified gays and lesbians in committed, same-gender relationships. By ordaining Hill, SPR is now facing possible removal from the ELCA. Consequentially, An ELCA bishop from California, **Paul Egertson**, was asked to resign from office for participating in the ordination.

In August 2001, the ELCA voted to initiate a "study" on the issue of ordination of gay and lesbian pastors in committed, same-gender relationships. The timeline of the study would require a final decision in 2005.

This study is considered by some to be a last ditch effort to keep the ELCA from splitting over this issue...and for many GLBT activists, it was a slap in the face, as the church has been "studying" the topic since the 1970's. History will decide whether the assembly's decisions were a step ahead.

Hill accepted the call to be SPR after the congregation's unanimous vote of 176 to 0. She received her B.S. from Mississippi State University and her M.A. in Religious Studies and M. Div. from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, where she is also an adjunct faculty member in the area of sexuality and ethics. ▼

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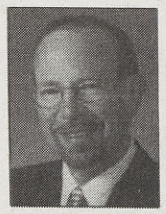
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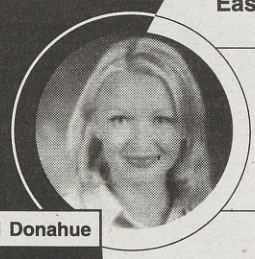
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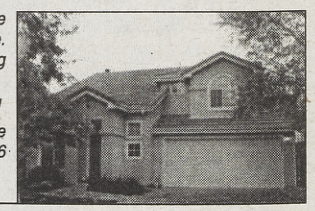

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Play Time for a 'Boy'

Boy meets boy, boy loses boy, but boy gets boy in the end.

In their romantic musical comedy with a twist on the old standard cliche of boy meets girl, the Lambda Players newest production, *Boy Meets Boy* is full of wit, fun and rollicking good music.

In *Boy Meets Boy*, composer and lyricist *Bill Solly* has created a 1930s London and Paris fairyland where being gay is totally accepted and presumed normal, so that the audience can deal instead with the real issue of the musical: Which man will end up with which man?

"*Boy Meets Boy* is a charming musical that doesn't pretend to be anything more than it is: a 1930s style musical that doesn't apologize for the fact that the two romantic leads are male," said director **Rand Martin.**

The show is old hat in terms of its genre, but is today as it was in 1975 when it was first produced, groundbreaking in terms of the play's premise that it is unremarkable that two men should sing love songs to each other, said Martin.

The play is utterly gay in all its connotations and presents no situation that cannot be solved by true love. "It's not a deep show it does not have a profound message," said Martin. "It's simply an opportunity to cheer on two male romantic leads the way we have cheered on the **Ruby Keelers** and **Dick Powells** of the '30s film musicals for years."

Starring as the star-crossed lovers are **Blaine White** as the handsome and irresistible American reporter, Casey O'Brien, and **Jon Jackson** as the British aristocrat, Guy Rose, whose true inner beauty is masked by a "plain-John" appearance.

Complicating their budding romance are the antics of American millionaire Clarence Cutler, played by **Paul Fearn**, Casey's friend Andrew, the British socialite and Guy's Aunt Josephine, who stars in *Les Folies de Paris, avec les plus beaux garcons du monde.*

"The cast is remarkably talented and will have audiences falling in love with them," said Martin. "Well, maybe not Clarence, but then every musical comedy has to have a bit of a villain. But even the villains are lovable in this show–and talented as well."

Boy Meets Boy plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm through January 25 at the 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St in Sacramento. Tickets are $12 and are available at The Open Book or through their website. ▼

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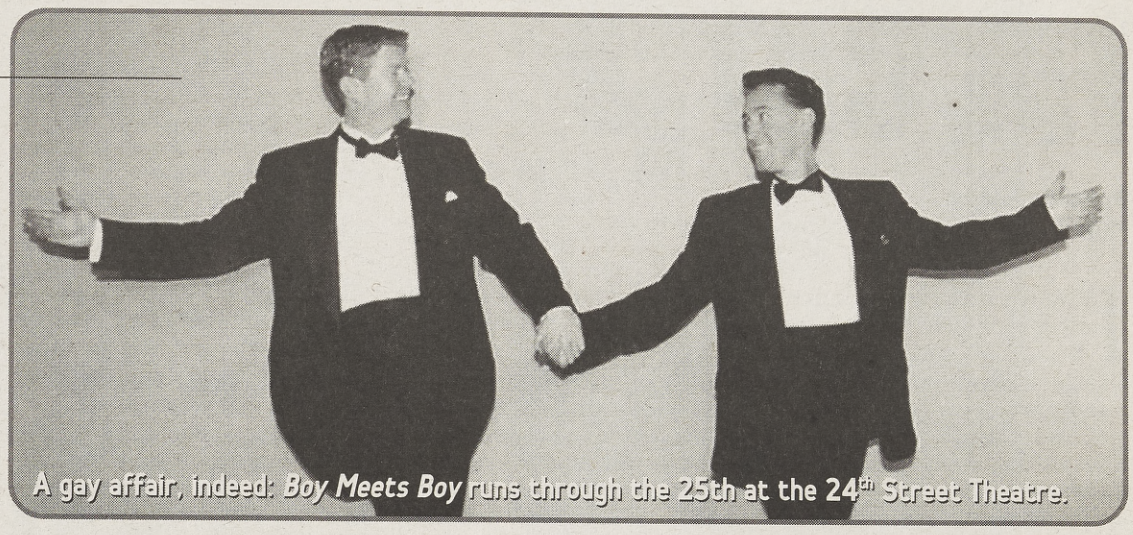
A gay affair, indeed: *Boy Meets Boy* runs through the 25th at the 24th Street Theatre.

'Alice' Audition Announced

The Studio Theatre will be holding auditions for *Alice,* a new musical opening in March for an eight week run. Open auditions are on Monday, January 27, with callbacks on Tuesday, January 28.

Alice is compilation of the best of *My Name is Alice* and *My Name is Still Alice.* It is a sophisticated, bawdy, funny and insightful five women musical revue that celebrates the pleasures and frustrations of growing up female.

Roles are available for five women in the age ranges the 20's through 50's. All roles require extensive musical theatre background and soloist vocal ability, as well as modest dance/movement ability. Those interested are instructed to prepare one song in their strongest vocal range, in addition to a one-minute monologue.

Beginning March 25 and running through May 18, *Alice* will play Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and with Sunday matinees. It will run in repertory with *Six Women with Brain Death.*

To schedule an audition time, call the Box Office line Monday-Friday between 12 pm-4 pm, or Thursday-Saturday 5:30 pm-7pm, or send an e-mail (see below). ▼

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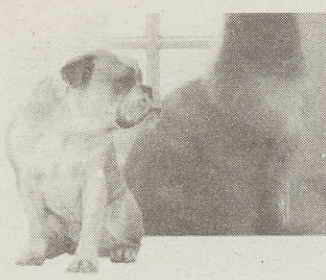

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FAT CAT ...True or False?

By Randy Jamison
MGW Staff

If your cat is packing a few extra pounds and you worry it may be overweight, a change of diet or an increase in activity may be a good idea.

Check with a veterinarian before taking any action to promote weight loss in cats. A veterinarian can recommend a proper diet and exercise routine to avoid any unnecessary changes to a cat's regular diet or activity level.

The first thing to determine is whether or not your cat is overweight.

Determining if your cat is overweight is often difficult because normal weight varies for different breeds of cats. A cat's breed, frame, height and length are all factors in a cat's appropriate weight.

If your cat is well-groomed to about halfway down his rib cage, but then the hair coat appears unkempt with mats and dandruff over the tail region, pay attention. This occurs when the cat cannot reach those areas to groom itself because the cat is too heavy.

Cats who are overweight are more at risk for heart disease and diabetes.

Arthritis problems may also begin earlier than they would if the cat weren't overweight. If a cat is overweight, it is a good idea to have a veterinary assessment to make sure there are no underlying health problems, such as arthritis, before starting an exercise program with your cat.

Sometimes it is very difficult to encourage cats to exercise. Unlike dogs, cats may not be enthusiastic to go outside on a leash walk.

Usually more subtle methods of encouraging exercise are necessary. I suggest using a laser pointer to shine the dot around the room or bouncing a ball downstairs and get the cat to chase it. This may not be successful for older adult cats or extremely overweight cats.

If food is a cat's motivation, then making the cat work for its food would be a way to get them to exercise without knowing it.

You could place small amounts of food on a flat plate and strategically place several plates throughout the house. In this manner, the cat has to move about the house, and therefore exercise, if it wants to eat.

The main benefit of a regular exercise program is weight loss, but it can also help a cat with diabetes to improve control of the disease.

Although exercise is one option for weight loss in cats, the best way is a diet change.

Your veterinarian can calculate your cat's dietary requirements and determine how much food you need to feed it. If your cat is not satisfied with the amount of food it is currently receiving, then it may be reasonable to change to a different food with lower calories so it can eat more and feel full.

Most cat food brands offer a light version and there are also prescription diets for cats. Prescription diets require a prescription by a veterinarian because they are severely restricted in calories and may not be appropriate for every cat.

The most important aspect in encouraging a cat to lose weight is being patient. Weight loss is a gradual process. ▼

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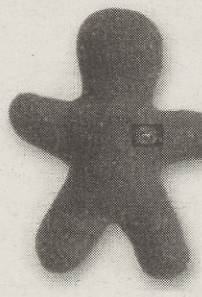

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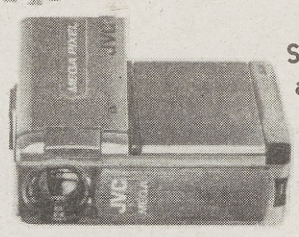

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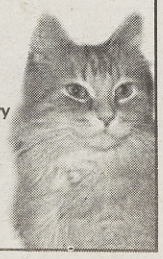

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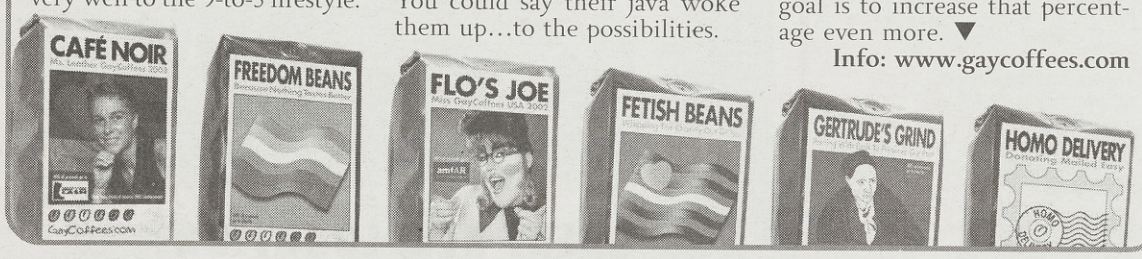

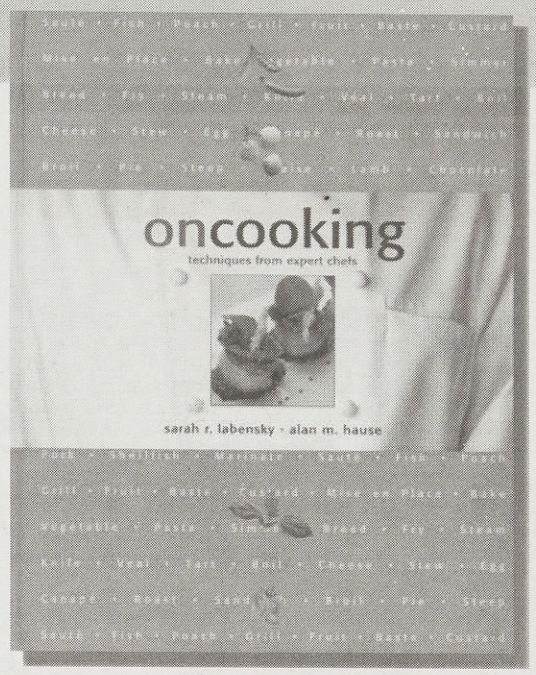

Get It 'On Cooking'

By Derek Rudnak
MGW Staff

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Labensky, Sarah R., and Hause, Alan M. On Cooking. Prentice–Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2003.
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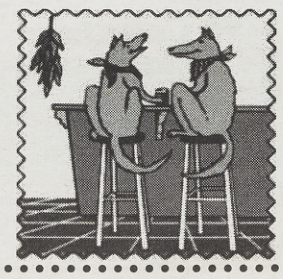

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As passionate about renovations of historic Sacramento real estate as he is about the processes involved with getting the jobs done, realtor **Terry Mulligan** spoke recently about some projects he is overseeing in Midtown.

Mulligan, a realtor at Coldwell Banker Dunnigan, is currently heading a group that is renovating several properties in Midtown, including Gray's General Store. He was quick to point out that the group is not another bunch of exploitative speculators. The group—which doesn't have a name—is "just a great bunch of people who want to re-store this neighborhood. Among them are carpenters, architects, and attorneys," said Mulligan.

Community pride is being matched by quality craftsmanship in this project. Mulligan said that while the historical restorations often have stringent guidelines in order to get city building permits, most speculators still try to cut costs by using sub-par materials. This project, however, bucks the trend by paying attention to both quality and aesthetic detail.

But despite the remarkable range of enthusiastic participants, the realities of red tape have hindered the project's completion. He said that getting building permits have been (and are often) delayed, resulting in several months worth of lost dollars that are sunk into mortgages and insurance. "This really hurts the little guy since other big companies can afford to sit and wait if they have to...we don't," said Mulligan.

Nonetheless, Mulligan remains optimistic about the completion of the project, and he hopes to see the general store filled with a restaurant on the floor level and some businesses upstairs. "We are looking for the right tenants as we speak."

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Teen is Athlete and Social Champion

By Derek Rudnak
MGW Staff

Steven Cozza is a champion cyclist who formed a GSA at his school.

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Petaluma's **Steven Cozza** has certainly accomplished much in a very short time. The 17-year-old high school senior who recently was selected to represent the United States at the 2003 Cyclo-Cross World Championships in Monopoli, Italy, is also every bit the champion of social causes.

He was involved in launching the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) club at his high school, and he dedicated a memorial at Petaluma High School in the memory of **Robin Reed**, a gay youth who killed himself.

Cozza also founded the nonprofit organization Scouting for All, and this year, he will lead a group of young people to Washington, DC to ask **President Bush** to step down as the Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America.

Late last year he lead a walk out at Petaluma HS to protest Bush's plan to begin a war with Iraq, and if he was not busy enough, Cozza also spoke in October at the American Child Psychiatric Conference held in San Francisco.

After he graduates this month, he is devoting his time to cycling. He's on the USA Junior National Cycling Team for 2002 and 2003, and he'll be racing in Europe and nationally.

For Team Swift, he placed 4th in the nation for the 17-18 year old category at the recently held United States Cylco-Cross National Championships held at the Domaine Chandon winery in Yountville, California. The National Championships for cyclocross were held in California bringing together some of the best junior riders from throughout the country.

When Steven returns home from Italy next month, he will be leaving in for the USA national junior cyclist training camp, at the Olympic Training Center, in San Diego. Steven will be the lead rider for the USA National Junior road Racing Team for the 2003 season. The team will be competing both in the United States and throughout Europe.

Naturally, one of his biggest goals is to become a world class cyclist and win the Tour DE France

If you'd like to help support Steven in the 2003 cycling season you can send a donation payable to Team Swift in care of Steven Cozza. Team Swift, a 501-(c)-3 non-profit welcomes donations. All donations are tax deductible. ▼

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Adoption is Option for Same-Sex Parents

Discrimination based on sexual orientation still exists, but many adoption agencies are open to placing children with gay and lesbian parents, according to a new study from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

The study–"Adoption Agency Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Prospective Parents: A National Study"–featured results of the first nationwide survey of adoption agencies focusing on attitudes and practices by agencies regarding homosexual adoption.

"Sixty-three percent of the respondents said their agency accepted adoption applications from homosexual individuals, and nearly 38 percent indicated they had made at least one adoption with a gay or lesbian adult during the two-year study period, from 1995 to 1996," said author **David Brodzinsky**, an associate professor in the department of psychology and director of the Foster Care Counseling Projects at Rutgers.

Brodzinsky found two key factors that impacted willingness to consider homosexuals as adoptive parents: the religious affiliation of the agency and the type of children the agency placed.

According to the survey, agencies operating under fundamentalist Christian beliefs were "never" willing to accept applications from homosexuals. Agencies affiliated with the Catholic Church were "seldom" willing to accept applications; only 14 percent said they would. Less than half (42 percent) mainstream Protestant-affiliated agencies and 92 percent of Jewish-affiliated agencies were willing to accept applications from gay and lesbian individuals.

Public agencies were 100 percent willing, except in states that ban homosexual adoption, and 77 percent of private, nonaffiliated agencies said they would accept applications from gay and lesbian individuals.

"Some religiously affiliated agencies didn't have direct edicts against homosexual adoption. Instead, they had policies of only placing children with married couples, which meant that they didn't accept adoption applications from single parents or homosexual adults," explained Brodzinsky.

The study revealed that agencies handling children with special needs, such as those with medical, mental or emotional problems, older minority children and those in large sibling groups were more likely to accept applications from homosexuals than all other agencies.

In contrast, those focused on placing domestically born infants and toddlers were least likely to accept these applications. Adoption agencies focused on international placements were willing to accept applications depending on restrictions placed by the country of origin, such as China, which prohibits homosexual adoption.

"We still have some major barriers to parenthood and adoption for lesbian and gay individuals," said Brodzinksy. "Lots of stereotypes and prejudice still exists, and there is a long way to go, but we found that most agencies are willing to accept gay and lesbian applicants."

Despite this finding and the fact that more people are applying as openly gay and lesbian adoptive parents, many agencies still follow an informal "Don't ask, don't tell" policy.

In reviewing agency practices, Brodzinsky identified a need to develop better training by gay and lesbian parents, and to create pre- and post-adoption support services specifically geared toward this population. In addition, he noted that the lack of dedicated or active recruitment efforts geared toward encouraging homosexuals to become adoptive parents.

Brodzinsky noted that a follow-up study (yet to be published) he conducted with a larger sample of agencies from 1990 to 2000 for the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute in New York confirms the majority of his findings.

"With over half a million children in foster care and more than 100,000 waiting to be placed for adoption, the need for more adoptive parents is evident," said Brodzinsky. "There is growing recognition that homosexuals have the same capacities and can provide the same quality of care to children as heterosexuals, and the children do quite well. Homosexuals are a valuable parenting resource for raising children that need families." ▼

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Face-Time Before Doing Time

By Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

The most interesting aspect about **Spike Lee**'s new film, *25th Hour,* has nothing at all to do with the story or its characters, good as they are. Lurking in the background, and sometimes taking center stage, is the reality of New York after 9/11. *25th Hour* therefore has the likely distinction of being the first mainstream feature film to acknowledge 9/11 without making it its central subject.

25TH HOUR
Starring **Edward Norton, Rosario Dawson, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper.**
Directed by **Spike Lee.**
(Rated R, 134 min.)

These reminders serve a subtle purpose. Just as people's lives changed overnight in the aftermath of 9/11, the protagonist's life—and the lives of those he loves—is about to take a very different turn.

Edward Norton plays Monty, a drug dealer who got caught with several bags of the wrong stuff hidden inside the couch in his nice apartment. He's off to serve seven years in a tough prison but because he's out on bail he can have some meaningful face-time with his friends before his time is up. *25th Hour* covers what happens during his last day of freedom.

For a "Spike Lee Joint," this picture looks like a different animal than the one he usually unleashes on his audiences. It's got plenty of political statements, of course, but it's primarily a personal story about loss, friendship, trust, and responsibility. There's no war between the races here.

Considering his middle-class, Italian neighborhood upbringing, Monty should have had a better life than the one he chose to lead. His schoolboy friend Slaughtery (**Barry Pepper**) works downtown in a high-testosterone, high-stakes financial firm and lives in a high-rise next to the site of the World Trade Center. Another friend of his from high school, Jacob (**Philip Seymour Hoffman**), now teaches English at the same school they all attended when they were young.

But Monty chose a life of drug dealing instead. Riding high on his entrée to a world of fancy clubs, wads of cash, and other excesses, he meets a young woman named Naturelle (**Rosario Dawson**), who loves him as much as the trappings that his money brings.

Yet Naturelle isn't a bad person. They're a cute couple when they appear together but Monty's pending incarceration affects their relationship. Not just for the obvious reason that he won't be able to be with her for awhile but also because Monty has never figured out who ratted on him. The DEA didn't stumble upon his stash of drugs in the sofa by accident; they were tipped off. He doesn't want to suspect Naturelle but he also doesn't know who else it could've been.

Monty accepts his fate with quiet determination.

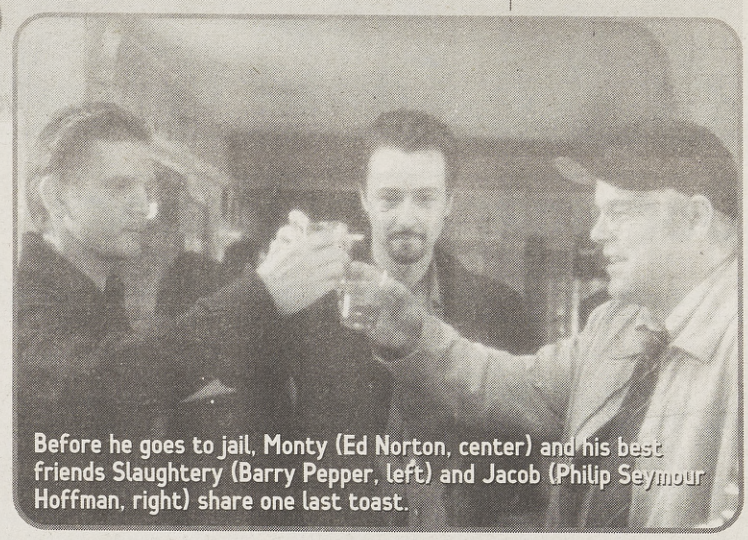
In one particularly powerful scene, he yells at himself in a mirror about all the people in the world he hates. His diatribe spares no one. Yet at the end he realizes his responsibility for his own actions: He knows he has no one to blame but himself.

While his old chums try to help him get through his last free day without too much remorse, Monty thinks of a way to make his stay in the overcrowded prison a little less harrowing than he expects it will be, given his light build and good looks. It's a request his friends didn't expect to hear when they agreed to "do anything" for him. It's a scene that's hard to watch because of the demands it places on friendship and survival.

If there's a public service message in this film that young men "at risk" should hear, it's the one that spells out in no uncertain terms what other men will to do to you when you arrive in prison. It's nothing we don't know already but its directness is startling nonetheless.

The man who takes Monty's circumstances the hardest is his father (**Brian Cox**), who blames his own alcoholic past and inattentiveness on his son's current predicament.

His impassioned speech at the conclusion of the film is pure fantasy but it speaks to a truth that all parents just want what's best for their children—and that means staying out of prison.


Before he goes to jail, Monty (Ed Norton, center) and his best friends Slaughtery (Barry Pepper, left) and Jacob (Philip Seymour Hoffman, right) share one last toast.

25th Hour isn't all doom and gloom, however. It's an interesting mix of serious reflection and amusing moments, especially when Monty's awkward friend Jacob gets hit on in a big way by one of the students in the English class he teaches. With her henna-tattooed tummy and intense gaze working overtime, Mary (**Anna Paquin**) is a sight for Jacob's sore eyes, even though it pains him to consider the consequences of succumbing to her allure.

Also funny is Monty's drug-dealing cohort Kostya (**Tony Siragusa**), a huge man with a thick Russian accent whose misuse of English gives the film its funniest moments. Unfortunately for him, his apparent disloyalty to Monty gives the film its darkest.

There's a feeling about the film's atmosphere that's hard to describe. It's deliberately set in post-9/11 New York where flags adorn more buildings than usual and "Wanted" posters show **Osama bin Laden**'s head. It also takes place before the stock market's downturn, when Slaughtery's display of irrational exuberance in the office seems a little less arrogant.

Lee sets his film in an interesting time capsule that lends the story its particular edge.

25th Hour plays at major area theaters (UA Olympus Pointe 12, Century Stadium 14 Sacramento, Century Folsom 14, Century Laguna 16). ▼

Info: touchstonepictures.go.com/25thhour/

Screenplay Winners Announced

One in Ten–a screenplay contest dedicated to the positive portrayal of gays and lesbians in film–announced its 2002 winners.

Over 200 scripts were received from around the world. "The contest is getting extremely competitive and the quality of the submissions was the best it has ever been," organizers said.

The winner of this year's contest, **Tamai Kobayashi** (*Prairie Ostrich*), received $1000 in addition to agent and studio script submissions. $500 was awarded to second place winner **Hal Gray** (*No Parking*), as well as earning studio submissions. The third place winner, **Karol Silverstein** (*You're My Best Friend*) received $100 and screenplay software.

Honorable mentions were awarded to **Marshall Thornton** (*Husband Material*) and **Charles Creasy** (*Over the Rainbow*).

The submission deadline for 2003 One in Ten contest is September 1,.2003. Entry forms are available online through the contest website. ▼

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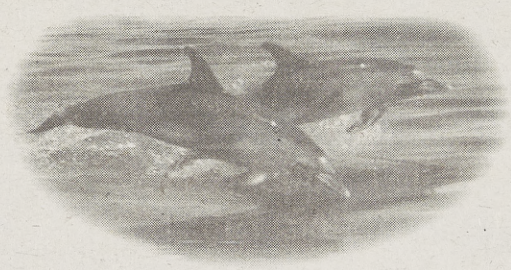

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Documentary Honors

Lesbian Pioneers: Phyllis Lyon & Del Martin

Woman Vision and Moonforce Media have announced the world premiere of *No Secret Anymore: The Times of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon* on Thursday, February 13th, at the historic Castro Theatre in San Francisco.

The 57-minute documentary chronicles the lives of two women who have been partners in love and political struggle for half a century.

San Francisco icons, Lyon and Martin are considered by many as the founders of the modern lesbian civil rights movement. *No Secret Anymore* follows them through five decades, tracing the emergence of lesbians from the fear of discovery to the expectation of equality.

Fifty years after Martin and Lyon's initial union on Valentines Day, February 14, 1953, the world premiere celebration coincides with their 50th anniversary as life partners.

"*No Secret Anymore* is the culmination of a four-year project," said **JEB** (Joan E. Biren), producer-director and Moonforce Media founder. "I needed to make this film because when I came out in the sixties, lesbians were still considered illegal, immoral and sick by most of society.

> ***Del and Phyllis who opened the door for us all.***

"It wasn't just that some people were closeted. Nearly everyone was closeted and it was Del and Phyllis who opened the door for us all. I hope *No Secret Anymore* will convey both how courageous and how charming the two of them are."

Festivities at the Castro Theatre will include a gala reception for the film's sponsors at 6:00 PM. Doors open for general admission to the theatre at 7:00 PM, with the program to begin at 7:30 PM. Additional details to be announced regarding the featured speakers and surprise guests.

The film screening begins at 8:00 PM and will be followed by a live question & answer segment with Del Martin, Phyllis Lyon, and the producers.

To honor Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, the non-profit organizations Woman Vision and Moonforce Media encourage sponsorship gifts with a broad range of contribution levels ranging from $100 to $50,000.

"In order to ensure the success of this celebration, we are asking for generous support," said **Dee Mosbacher**, producer and Woman Vision founder who is an Academy Award nominee. "Proceeds will help complete the film, as well as contribute to the Angel Fund assisting the work that Del and Phyllis will be doing in the coming years."

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin (early in their relationship) are the "Mothers of Invention."

General admission tickets for the World Premiere event are $15 and may be obtained online.

No Secret Anymore is jointly produced by Woman Vision and Moonforce Media. Producer Dee Mosbacher, MD, PhD, was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary. She has produced and directed multiple award-winning films, including: *Straight from the Heart*, *All God's Children*, and *Out for a* Change: Addressing Homophobia in Women's Sports. Her most recent film, *Radical Harmonies*, was voted "Best Documentary" at the 2002 International Frameline Film Festival.

JEB (Joan E. Biren), producer/director/writer, is an internationally recognized documentary artist whose works include *Women Organize!* and *A Simple Matter of Justice*. Her photographs are in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, Schleisinger Library at Harvard University and the Academy of Arts in Berlin. She is the founder and president of Moonforce Media, a non-profit educational media company.

Associate producers for the project are women's music genre co-founder and feminist singer-songwriter **Margie Adam**, and **Jason Heffner**, producer of LGBT Cultural Festivals in New York City. Director of photography is **Sophia Constantinou**, an award-winning cinematographer whose most recent documentary received a Golden Gate Award at the 2001 San Francisco International Film Festival. ▼

Info: Ron Wong, 415-355-9988
http://www715.vwh1.net/womanv/nosecret/premiere.htm

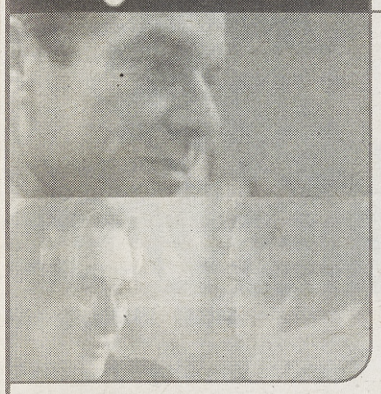
Be at 'She 3'

A lively and "very listenable" new all-grrl Sacramento area trio, She 3, will be performing soulful, harmony-infused originals and classic jazzy-pop favorites from The Beatles to Steely Dan, Motown to Bonnie Raitt, the blues to Broadway, and lots more! The trio consists of **Linda Duval** and **Cathy Speck** (of "Duval Speck" and "The Grrlz") and **Stacey Shelton** ("Natalie Cortez & the Ultraviolets").

Two gigs: Friday, January 24 at Caffe Baci in Vacaville (8:30-10:30pm) and Saturday, January 25 at Common Grounds in Davis (7-9pm). ▼

Info: www.duvalspeck.com

GLAAD They're on the Big Screen



The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) announced the nominees for its 14th Annual GLAAD Media Awards.

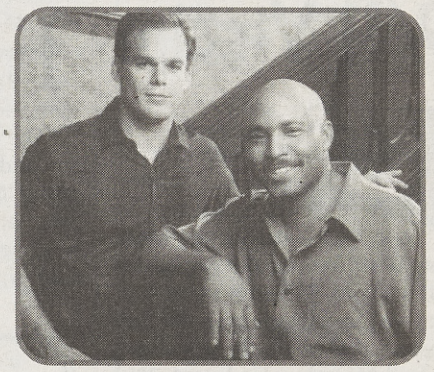
The awards will take place in three ceremonies to be held in New York City on April 7 at the New York Marriott Marquis; in Los Angeles on April 26 at the Kodak Theater; and in San Francisco on June 7 at the Westin St. Francis.

The GLAAD Media Awards recognize and honor the media for their presentation of fair, accurate and inclusive representations of the GLBT community and the issues that affect their lives.

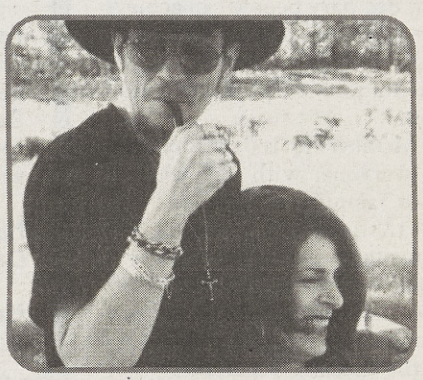
"Diverse media images continue to display the broad spectrum of our lives and stories, and this year's Media Awards nominees testify once again to the culture-changing power of those images," said **Joan M.Garry**, GLAAD's executive director.

"Individually and collectively, this year's nominees made a powerful case for fairness and equality, and it's our privilege to honor them." ▼

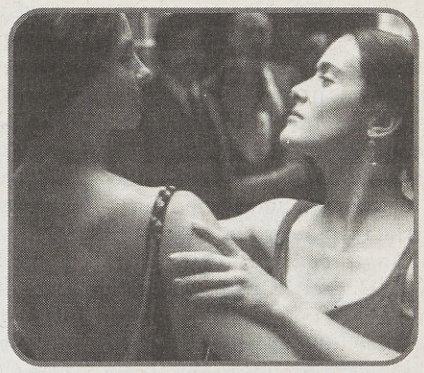
Info: www.glaad.org



Michael C. Hall and Mathew ST. Patrick in Six Feet Under
(Nominee: Outstanding Drama Series)



Robert Eads and Lola Cola of Southern Comfort
(Nominee: Outstanding Documentary)



Ashley Judd and Selma Hayek in Frida
(Nominee: Outstanding Film – Wide Release)

The cast of Queer as Folk
(Nominee: Outstanding Drama Series)

LIST OF NOMINEES: 14TH ANNUAL GLAAD MEDIA AWARDS

OUTSTANDING FILM - WIDE RELEASE
- Far From Heaven (Focus Features)
- Frida (Miramax Films)
- The Hours (Paramount Pictures)
- The Rules of Attraction (Lions Gate Films)
- Sweet Home Alabama (Touchstone Pictures)

OUTSTANDING FILM - LIMITED RELEASE
- 8 Women (Focus Features)
- Borstal Boy (Strand Releasing)
- His Secret Life (Strand Releasing)
- Kissing Jessica Stein (Fox Searchlight Pictures)
- Y Tu Mamá También (IFC Films)

OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES
- Sex and the City (HBO)
- Will & Grace (NBC)

OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES
- Once and Again (ABC)
- Queer As Folk (Showtime)
- The Shield (FX)
- Six Feet Under (HBO)
- The Wire (HBO)

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL EPISODE
(in a series without a regular gay character)
- "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Honey?" George Lopez (ABC)
- "My Own Private Rodeo" King of the Hill (Fox)
- "Pararse" Resurrection Blvd. (Showtime)
- "Relax!" Grounded for Life (Fox)
- "Scared Straight" Crossing Jordan (NBC)

OUTSTANDING TELEVISION MOVIE
- The Badge (Starz!)
- Bobbie's Girl (Showtime)
- The Laramie Project (HBO)
- The Matthew Shepard Story (NBC)

OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY
- Gay Weddings (Bravo)
- Middle School Confessions (HBO)
- Southern Comfort (HBO)
- Trembling Before G-d (New Yorker Films)
- True Life: I'm Coming Out (MTV)

OUTSTANDING DAILY DRAMA
- All My Children (ABC)
- Daniela (Telemundo)
- Undressed (MTV)

OUTSTANDING TELEVISION JOURNALISM
- "Coming Out" Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel (HBO)
- "Kantaras v. Kantaras" CourtTV (CourtTV)
- "A Matter of Choice?" Nightline (ABC)
- "Nick News Special Edition: My Family is Different" Nick News with
- Linda Ellerbee (Nickelodeon)
- "Rosie's Story: For the Sake of the Children" Primetime Thursday (ABC)

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
- "Coming Out: Revelation Alters Daughter's Relationship with Folks" by Martha Irvine (The Associated Press)
- "Dos Madres para un Hogar (Two Mothers in One Household)" by Patricia A. Gonzalez-Portillo, (La Opinión [Los Angeles])
- "Gay Muslims Face a Growing Challenge Reconciling Their Two Identities" by Robert F. Worth (The New York Times)
- "Mauling Death Creates an Activist" by Anna Gorman (Los Angeles Times)
- "Queer and Present Danger" by Ken Picard (Independent [Missoula, Mont.])

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST
- Margery Eagan (The Boston Herald)
- Thomas Oliphant (The Boston Globe)
- Leonard Pitts, Jr. (The Miami Herald)
- Deb Price (The Detroit News)
- Steve Rothaus (The Miami Herald)

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER OVERALL COVERAGE
- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
- Chicago Tribune
- Newsday
- Orlando Sentinel
- USA Today

OUTSTANDING MAGAZINE ARTICLE
- "About a Boy Who Isn't" by Benoit Denizet-Lewis (The New York Times Magazine)
- "Free and Clear" by Esera Tuaolo with Luke Cyphers (ESPN The Magazine)
- "Indian Gays Step Out" by Kavita Chhibber Narula (Little India [Reading, Pa.])
- "A Killing in Colorado" by Jon Barrett (Teen People)
- "Mormon Family Values" by Katherine Rosman (The Nation)

OUTSTANDING MAGAZINE OVERALL COVERAGE
- AsianWeek
- The Chronicle of Higher Education
- National Catholic Reporter
- Teen People
- TV Guide

OUTSTANDING DIGITAL JOURNALISM ARTICLE
- "Fired for Being Gay" by Jennifer Barrett, Newsweek.MSNBC.com
- "The Gay Purge" by Cheryl L. Reed, Salon.com
- "More Than Just Cross-Dressing: Identifying the Transgender Market" by Kipp Cheng, DiversityInc.com
- "One Man's Tale" by Josh Hammer, Newsweek.MSNBC.com
- "Sleeping with the Enemy" by Flore de Préneuf, Salon.com

OUTSTANDING DIGITAL JOURNALISM OVERALL COVERAGE
- CourtTV.com
- Newsweek.MSNBC.com
- Salon.com

OUTSTANDING MUSIC ALBUM
- Become You, Indigo Girls (Epic Records)
- Cookie: The Anthropological Mixtape, Meshell Ndegeocello (Maverick Records)
- Crucible, Halford (Sanctuary Records)
- Release, Pet Shop Boys (Sanctuary Records)
- A Wonderful World, k.d. lang & Tony Bennett (Sony Music)

OUTSTANDING TALK SHOW
- "Adopted by Gay Parents" The Rosie O'Donnell Show (syndicated)
- "Dolly Parton" So Graham Norton (BBC America)
- "Gays in Sports" Donahue (MSNBC)

OUTSTANDING COMIC BOOK
- The Authority (Wildstorm/DC Comics)
- Green Lantern (DC Comics)
- Murder Mysteries (Dark Horse Comics)
- Strangers in Paradise (Abstract Studio)
- X-Statix (Marvel Comics)

OUTSTANDING LOS ANGELES THEATER
- The Big Voice: God or Merman?
- A Cold Coming We Had of It
- The Day I Stood Still
- Dementia
- Drama Club

OUTSTANDING NEW YORK THEATER: BROADWAY & OFF-BROADWAY
- Elle
- The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia?
- Kilt
- A Man of No Importance
- Take Me Out

OUTSTANDING NEW YORK THEATER: OFF-OFF-BROADWAY
- A to B
- Rhapsody in Seth
- Single Wet Female
- Spanked!
- Zanna, Don't!

OUTSTANDING WASHINGTON D.C. THEATER
- Corpus Christi
- Glory Box
- Hedwig and the Angry Inch
- The Laramie Project
- Not As Cute As Picture

Sports

Runners to Honor 9/11 Victim

Team Bingham – a group de voted to honoring the memory of **Mark Bingham**, one of the heroes of 9/11's Flight 93–announced that they will are training in the Bay Area to run in the Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on June 1, 2003 in San Diego.

Following Mark's lead, Team Bingham is devoted to the idea that ordinary people can achieve the extraordinary, regardless of their age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or physical condition.

Membership is therefore open to everyone, with any level of prior running experience, who can train with the team in San Francisco. Qualified marathon runners who live outside the Bay Area are welcome to join Team Bingham, without participating in the training program.

Team Bingham also encourages corporate sponsorships and individual donations, so that everyone can participate in this unique opportunity to support Mark Bingham's legacy. To that end, all proceeds raised by Team Bingham will be passed through directly to the Mark Bingham Leadership Fund, a scholarship fund created to promote the ideals of courage and leadership.

The team began a five-month training program in early January 2003. Pacific West Athletics, a multi-sport endurance training organization, is providing the training program, giving Team Bingham professional level training staff and resources.

During the training program, Team Bingham captain **Joe Salama** will provide fundraising seminars in order to help team members achieve their fundraising minimum.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone who has been touched by Mark's heroism on 9/11 to get involved in the spirit of what he stood for," said Salama. "For those of us who knew him, a natural leader, rugby enthusiast, and a man who ran with the bulls in Pamplona, running a marathon that features 40 live bands and 2,000 cheerleaders is certainly a fitting way to remember him." ▼

Info: www.teambingham.org

Sirens Announce Spring Schedule

The league champion Sacramento Sirens have re leased their 2003 spring game schedule.

The Sirens have one pre-season and five regular season home games scheduled this year. All dates and locations are to be announced at a later date on the Sirens' website.

During the 2002 season, the Sirens were members of the Women's Affiliated Football Conference (WAFC) and affiliated with the Independent Women's Football League (IWFL).

After winning the 2002 WAFC championship and becoming the first team in WAFC history to finish both the regular and post seasons with a perfect 10-0 record, the Sirens became full members of the IWFL and have become known as the team to beat in 2003.

In conjunction with the Sirens Sports Foundation, the Sirens promote fitness and athleticism for girls and women through participation in the sport of football at all levels. ▼

Info: www.sacramentosirens.com

SACRAMENTO SIRENS

February 22, 2003*
Oakland Banshees
Santa Rosa Scorchers
San Francisco StingRayz
*pre-season exhibition game with IWFL

March 8, 2003
Oakland Banshees

March 22, 2003
Santa Rosa Scorchers

April 26, 2003
San Francisco StingRayz

May 3, 2003
Southern California Bladez

May 10, 2003
California Quake

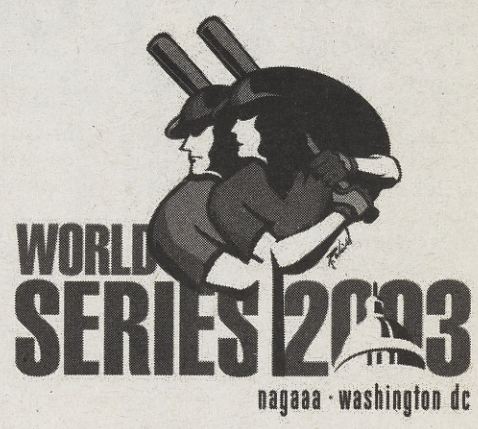
WAFC

Season tickets can be purchased by contacting the Sirens front office.

Season ticket benefits include a ticket for every home preseason, regular season and post season games, free parking, Sirens lanyard, complimentary voucher for a guest, and merchandise and concession coupons.

Groups of 10 or more may purchase group tickets at a savings of $2 off each adult ticket. Individual game tickets can be purchased at the gate prior to each game.

DC Scores Softball Series



The 27th Annual North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) Series –unofficially known as the Gay and Lesbian Softball World Series–will be held in Washington, DC, from August 17-23, 2003.

The Series, hosted by the CAPS Softball League of Washington, DC, and Baltimore, estimates to bring more than 5,000 gay and lesbian visitors to the area. 2003 will mark the first time that the tournament has been held in Washington.

Series 2003 will be played at three different facilities, all of which are operated by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and located in Prince George's County, Maryland (just 10 miles east and south of the Washington).

"This event will be unlike any other sporting event in the Washington, DC area," said Series Director **Bradley Houseton**. "We want to show our visitors from all across North America not only a well-organized and run competition, but also a warm and friendly reception from the DC community. It will be a tremendous opportunity to showcase the best of DC's vibrant GLBT communities."

Created in 1977, the NAGAAA is a non-profit, international organization comprised of men and women dedicated to promoting amateur athletics for the gay community. NAGAAA was formed to encourage the participation of gay men and women in organized softball competition.

Currently, almost 50 gay softball leagues in about 30 cities in the United States and Canada are members of NAGAAA. Teams representing these leagues participate in NAGAAA's Gay Softball World Series, hosted each year by a different member city.

NAGAAA currently has two divisions: Open and Women's. The women's division is comprised exclusively of women's teams and has two divisions: a competitive and an alternative.

The Open Division is comprised of teams made up of men and women or teams that are exclusively male. In addition, the Open Division is further classified into three divisions: A, B and C. These divisions pertain to the competitive level of play.

The event is presented by Miller Lite, and all proceeds from the week-long event will go to three non-profit organizations in the DC metro area: The Mautner Project (for lesbians with cancer), The Whitman Walker Clinic, and The Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League. ▼

Info: www.series2003.org

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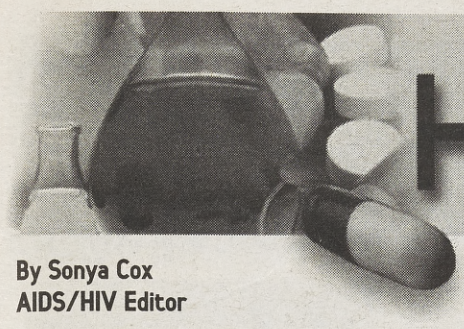

HIV Newsline

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On the HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

One-a-day PI may be on the way...

Bristol-Myers Squibb recently submitted a New Drug Application to the **Food and Drug Administration** for **Atazanavir**, an investigational protease inhibitor under development for use in combination with two or more anti-retroviral medications.

The submission includes data on more than 2,400 people enrolled in clinical trials that compared Atazanavir to other widely prescribed drugs for HIV infection.

It is the first protease inhibitor to be submitted with data supporting the potential for once-daily administration (the concern being the ability of a drug to keep a level amount in the bloodstream at all times; to date, this has worked best by administering two pills twelve hours apart).

Bristol-Myers is accepting applications for their Early Access Program, to provide Atazanavir to people in need of alternative therapy prior to the completion of trials and prior to the medicine's approval (call 877-726-7327).

People who meet protocol-specific criteria and have experienced treatment failure with other available anti-retroviral agents may be eligible for early access. Reasons for treatment failure include a sufficient degree of anti-retroviral resistance, intolerance to approved meds, or adherence problems. Applications may be made only by physicians.

Smallpox vaccine responses begin...

In reaction to federal **CDC** guidelines recommending that people with HIV should not be vaccinated for smallpox, the **National Association of People with AIDS** (NAPWA) has written a six page letter to **the Health and Human Services** Secretary raising ten specific concerns they feel "must be considered and addressed as part of any smallpox vaccination policy and program."

"A blanket refusal to vaccinate all HIV-positive individuals would be misguided," said the organization's executive director.

The lack of data on the risk to people with HIV prompted the CDC's recommendation (not refusal) against giving smallpox vaccinations to anyone with HIV–no matter what their T-cell count. However, this same lack of data, says the NAPWA, fails to show for certain that people with a weakened immune system face an increased risk of acquiring disease through secondary exposure from the vaccinations of others, and deprives people who might want the shots from getting them.

The group is asking the government to articulate the steps it will take to address the concerns in the letter, including how to protect people with HIV from the vaccination of health care workers.

At the same time, a new smallpox vaccine is in development that hopefully will be safe for people with compromised immune systems, and it will not have the risk of secondary transmission, said **Beth Israel Hospital** in New York. Infectious disease researchers at the hospital hope to begin safety trials of the new version of the vaccine in February through the AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

France begins graphic AIDS campaign...

French AIDS activists plan to shock young people into AIDS awareness with a public campaign featuring a character named Dick who wears a penis-shaped hood.

The ads show the character in various poses such as filling his car with gas (license plate: "Love"), fishing, hitchhiking, and drinking in a nightclub. The caption on the nightclub ad reads, "Beware: Condoms are like good manners–You forget them when you drink."

Another ad shows Dick on the toilet and reads, "Condoms are like toilet paper–It's necessary to have them in advance."

Activists say the campaign is necessary to create an opening for a dialogue between parents and their children: "We have found a real ignorance about the way HIV is transmitted, and a decline in prevention among young people."

A recent study in the Paris area found that more than 24 percent of French youths thought HIV could be transmitted by mosquito bites.

Iraq war could cripple AIDS fight...

"You will forgive me for the strong language. But...the time for polite, even agitated entreaties is over. The AIDS pandemic (in Africa) cannot be allowed to continue, and those who watch it unfold with a kind of pathological equanimity must be held to account," said Africa's **United Nations** representative for AIDS issues recently.

"There may yet come a day when we have peacetime tribunals to deal with this particular version of crimes against humanity," he added.

He said that a war against Iraq would eclipse humanitarian efforts around the world, and 29.4 million Africans with the disease would be among those suffering the most.

"Wars divert attention, wars consume resources, wars ride roughshod over external calamities... people with HIV/AIDS are in a race against time. What they never imagined was that over and above the virus itself, there would be a new adversary, and that adversary would be war.

"The war in Iraq will be even more consuming because the world is more divided. Fighting AIDS in Africa will receive dreadfully short shrift."

Unity rally at Capitol Jan 29...

Oasis–an Oakland public health policy organization geared toward impacting legislation and policy regarding HIV, Hepatitis C, drug addiction, and other issues–will lead a rally at the **Capitol** on Wednesday, January 29, at noon, to encourage reform.

Scheduled to participate in the event are members of **ACT UP-East Bay**, **AIDS Project East Bay & Los Angeles**, **California Hepatitis C Task Force**, **Project Inform**, **San Francisco AIDS Foundation**, **Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation**, **Clean Needles Now**, and numerous other organizations.

The public is invited to the two-hour event, to be held rain or shine.For info call **800-282-1777** or **http://oasisclinic.org**. If your organization would like an information packet, fax request **to 510-834-0916**.

China takes another step...

China has made many strides in recent months to get beyond its initial denial that HIV and AIDS were impacting about one million of its citizens.

They are revising statistics, creating programs to distribute medications, holding conferences, and beginning to address discrimination in the workplace. For World AIDS Day this year, China lifted an old ban, and for the first time allowed a person with HIV to marry a person who is HIV-negative.

Health officials invited the couple to hold their wedding in Beijing on December 1 to bring attention to World AIDS Day, and to profile an HIV conference being held that week. The HIV positive bride, who contracted the virus from using dirty needles, has been living with her fiancé for four years, but until now was not allowed to marry.

Prevention likely kept 1.5 million from infection...

AIDS prevention efforts across the United States, including programs to promote the use of condoms and focus groups aimed at drug users, have saved hundreds of thousands of lives, researchers said recently.

Although the number of new infections has stayed level at about 40,000 a year for the past decade, it is not hard to see what would have happened in this country by looking at countries that are too poor to educate citizens about the virus.

"We have prevented enough HIV infections to be the equivalent of the population of a US city," said a former **CDC** AIDS expert who now teaches at **Emory University**.

Looking at infection rates and theoretical scientific models, he came up with scenarios that put the number of potential infections prevented as high as 1.5 million. The costs of programs to prevent each infection are thousands of dollars less than the $150,000 to $195,000 needed to treat that person for HIV for the rest of his or her life.

He added, "These analyses do not include other real benefits of prevented HIV infections such as increased worker productivity and decreased pain and suffering."▼

In Memory of Mike Bennett

James (Mike) Bennett passed on peacefully on Saturday morning, January 4.

He spent much of his career with the Sacramento County Sheriff's computer unit, maintaining their equipment and programming. But above all else, he will be remembered for his great kindness to others.

He was a generous and anonymous supporter of many GLBT organizations, including **CARES**, the **Hand to Hand Foundation**, the former **Sacramento AIDS Foundation**, and the **Lambda Center**.

He always had a ready smile for everyone. He was kind in heart and spirit, had a quiet charm, and never spoke in harsh tones about anyone or anything.

Mike enjoyed Broadway shows, but only up to the early sixties. He did not consider anything composed after that time to be a true musical. As an opera buff, his apartment resonated on Saturday afternoons with the sounds of *Madame Butterfly* and the other classics.

Playing a mean game of pinochle with friends was another favorite pastime, with poker a close second.

Mike has moved on in the continuum, joining his beloved Aunt Blanche and his close friend Jerry, as well as many other friends who have gone before.

Safe and happy journey, Mike. Your friendship has meant so much to so many. ▼

In Loving Memory of Friends Lost in January

January 1986:
Ray Wintree

January 1987:
Herb Finger, Kevin Wulfert

January 1989:
Kenneth Morrison, Terry Pennington
Timothy S. Shepherd, William R. Simmons

January 1990:
Rob Roy Frisch, Peter Massman
Bill Gilliam, Robert Winchester

January 1991:
Paul Barnes, Peter David Lucero
Jeff Fowler, Gerald O'Brien
Gregory Harlan, John Paddock
Terry Holme

January 1992:
Herman Adams, Jr., Michael Scott Olson
Lance Brown, Ruth Smith
Chuck Kitlinger, Malik Springs

January 1993:
Jean Anderson, Glenn Olson
Chris Bolton, Larry Paladini
Fran Findley, Joseph Torres
Bob Foti, George Whitfield
Jimmie Hildebrand

January 1994:
Mark Baptista, Ron Harmon
Patrick Butler, Hugh Hayes
Ron Drake, Scott Holkko
David Fithian, James Hutton
Gregory Freeder, Bill Miller
Randy Gray, Dale Rezabek
Jim Hatton, Michael Rosenberg
Frank Zadnik

January 1995
Scott Alderson, Jesse S.
Tony Gonzales, Paul Starr-Fuhr
Paul Hayes, Chuck T.
Sean Hoag, Lloyd White
Christopher Logan, Steven L. Yardley

January 1996:
Brian B., Elliott S.
Michael Bowens, Daryl Seibel
James Corregan, Andre Smith
Elsworth Ensley, Kathleen Thomas
Robert Gilbert, Joseph Twyman
Billy Hildebrand, Dr. Robert Walter
Bill J., William Womack

January 1997:
Gregory Estep

January 1998:
John B., Robb W. Campbell

January 1999:
Steve Dolan, Gary Hayes Groff
Rev. Merrill Follansbee

January 2000:
William Knudson, Bradley Long

January 2001:
Lori Jaeger

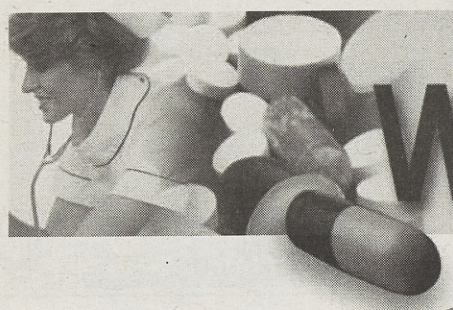
January 2002:
David Baker, Alta Mae Redondo

January 2003:
Mike Bennett

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure

To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, call 737-0309.

For info about creating a NAMES Project AIDS memorial panel, call 484-5646.



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Q Health:

Change–What Can You Do About It?

By Dr. Jeffrey Chernin
MGW Staff

Since this is the first *Q Health* column for the new year, I think that a good thing to think about is *Change*.

Change is inevitable, and there are three types of change.

The first has to do with events over which we have no control, or global changes. The second type of change has to do with what I call our "sphere of influence." The third kind is what we have most control over, which is over ourselves.

When things are changing around us, we still have control over one thing: our attitude. Whenever I hear someone talk about "the good ol' days," I think that this is a person who is stuck in the past and clings to certainty.

On the other hand, since most change happens outside of our control, the healthiest way of coping with change is to realize that it is inevitable. When change occurs on a global scale, and especially if you feel despair for the world, you still have options.

One way to feel better is to get involved. Not everyone has the capacity to devote their life to causes, but each of us can impact our world in small, yet important, ways.

Moving from a global to local concerns, have you ever wanted to change your family of origin? Your spouse?

These questions involve a discussion of the second type of change. Although we cannot change people, we can certainly influence them.

If you remember **Barry Goldwater** before he became progay, you would never have believed he would change. Considering that his grandson came out to him prior to his conversion, the power of his grandson's influence should not be underestimated.

Perhaps one of the most amazing stories regarding our sphere of influence involves a skinhead and a rabbi's family.

The skinhead continually harassed the rabbi and his family by telephone, but they were always kind to him. One day, while talking to the rabbi's wife, the skinhead simply opened up about his personal life.

He continued to call and began to strike up conversations with the entire family, and he came to like the people he once despised. Eventually, he renounced his racism, became their friend, and to this day, he publicly speaks out against racism.

I believe that this family and the ex-skinhead are aware of their ability to influence others. As with the people in this story, we can also change the way we respond to others.

This leads to the third type of change: changing ourselves. It's a hard balance. Sometimes, we try too hard to change, and a useful metaphor for the self-defeat caused by attempting rapid change is dieting.

Dieting is self-defeating because our "set point," or equilibrium, can only shift in small increments. Unfortunately, new year's resolutions are similar to diets, and they generally don't work. That's the reason that there is always a large influx of people at the gym in January...which subsides by February.

Most resolutioners are tenaciously determined to work out every day of the week, which is too much for beginners, and then when they start missing, they give up. That's not to say that you shouldn't resolve to make changes. In fact, that's how personal change begins: with an idea.

What generally works, however, is making small changes over a period of time rather than making unrealistic promises or doing too much at once.

Not giving up also works: For example, it often takes people dozens of attempts to finally quit smoking.

Also, be sure that your motivation comes from within. And don't be too hard on yourself. Slipping or "relapsing" is part of personal change. We can't learn to walk without taking our share of falls.

So, for personal change, remember to make small, realistic goals. Don't make promises to yourself that you can't keep–it will only make it more difficult to change.

Don't try to change others: You can't force people around you to be different than who they are. You can influence people, though, and as for those changes completely outside of your control? The less you wish for things to be different, the more satisfied you'll be. ▼

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FREE

Cancer Support Group Starting

It's name is quite simple, yet it a very important group. The Lesbians-Cancer Support Group is starting for lesbians dealing with the complex issues involving cancer. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month starting January 20. They will be held from 6:30 pm ("sharp!") to 8 pm at the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church (9849 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks). These meetings are provided at no cost.

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Gays Not Open with Doctors

Fewer than half of GLBT adults disclose their sexual orientation to their health provider, according to new survey results released by Witeck-Combs Communications and Harris Interactive. The survey also showed that GLBT respondents are less likely to have health insurance than their non-gay counterparts.

- Overall, 49% of GLBT respondents said they had discussed their sexual orientation with their health care provider. Only 23% of those self-identifying as bisexual had disclosed their sexual orientation to their doctor or health care provider while 55% of lesbians and 67% of gay men had discussed their sexual orientation.
- GLBT adults have visited a health care professional with almost the same frequency as their non-gay counterparts in the last 12 months (84% GLBT versus 83% heterosexual).
- When respondents were asked if they have health insurance, only 70% of GLBT adults said they currently have coverage, compared to 86% of non-gay adults.
- Of those who reported that they have insurance, 63% of GLBT adults are covered through their employer compared to 59% of non-gay adults.

The survey also illustrates a difference between opposite-sex and same-sex couple health insurance benefits. Of the GLBT respondents, only three percent said they receive health insurance through a same-sex partner while a greater number (14%) of non-gay adults stated they are covered by a partner's insurance. ▼

Info: www.witeckcombs.com

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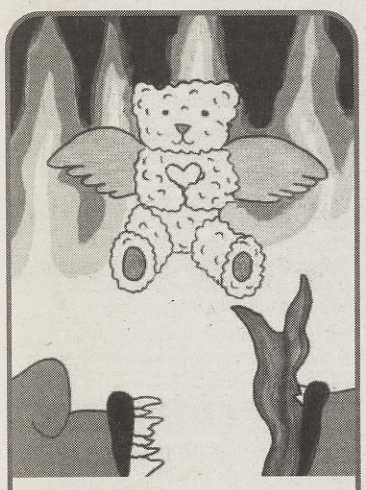
Calendar

JANUARY

16 THURSDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

ROBERT CONNER, 7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st. St., 498-1004



"Burp" by Barbara Schubert, appearing in "The Harried Housewife & Other Scary Creatures" January 17 & 18 at Toyroom Gallery.

17 FRIDAY

FIRST SHOT SHOW, 9am-6pm, thu Jan. 20; SF Furniture Market, 888 Brannan St., SF, 415-861-7733

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT, 6:30pm; Ironstone Vineyards, 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys, 209-728-1251, www.ironstonevineyards.com

18 SATURDAY

FAMILY CONNECTONS ADOPTIONS INFO SESSION, 10am-12pm; Family Connections, 1771 Tribute Rd., Suite G, 568-5966, www.familyconnect-adopt.org

"THIS obedience", 5pm; St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L St., 483-5691 or LLGM123@aol.com

PEER COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION, Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Center, thru Mar. 8; 927 Main St., Woodland, 530-661-6336

POTLUCK, Sac. Valley Pozabilities, 6-10pm; RSVP at wesbite for location, www.sacvalleypozabilities.org

RAINBOW WOMYN GROUP, Club 21, womyn@lanset.com

SAME-SEX DANCE CAMP, 9am-2:45pm, Davis Dykes, Glenview Center, Oakland, davisdykes@hotmail.com

19 SUNDAY

ASPEN GAY & LESBIAN SKI WEEK, thru Jan. 26; Aspen, CO, www.gayskiweek.com

20 MONDAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

BROTHER OUTSIDER: THE LIFE OF BAYARD RUSTIN, 10pm; KVIE Channel 6

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

LESBIANS-CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm; Fair Oaks United Methodist Church, 9849 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 920-7870 or Roxanne1070@aol.com

21 TUESDAY

25 RHINOS GALA ART AUCTION, Theatre Rhinoceros, 6:30pm; SF LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market St., SF, www.therhino.org

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, Business Information Center, 9am-noon; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700

22 WEDNESDAY

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: SHOULD YOU REGISTER? Stonewall Alliance Center, 5:30-6:30pm; 341 Broadway, Suite 419, Chico, 530-893-3336, www.stonewallchico.org

TWO TOWNS OF JASPER, 9pm Channel 6

SIRENS FOOTBALL, vs. Oakland Banshees; time/location TBA, www.sacramentosirens.com-

23 THURSDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

INTERNET MARKETING, Business Information Center, 10am-noon; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700

24 FRIDAY

OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY, 8pm; Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, 510-625-8497

SHE 3, 8:30-10:30pm; Caffe Baci, Vacaville, www.dvualspeck.com

"THE KING STEPS OUT," An Evening With Grace Moore, 7:30pm; Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., www.toweautomuseum.org

25 SATURDAY

DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING, thru Mar. 8; Carmichael Park lawn near Vet's Hall, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, 485-5322, tracy@carmichaelpark.com

SAC. GOLD COUNTRY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, 8pm; First Church of Christ, Scientist, Capital Ave. & 23rd St., 491-4660

SHE 3, 7-9pm; Common Grounds, Davis, www.duvalspeck.com

26 SUNDAY

SNOWSHOE HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 421-3000

27 MONDAY

"ALICE" AUDITIONS, The Studio Theatre; 446-2668 or JaciSchultz@aol.com

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

30 THURSDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

Theatre/Dance/Orchestra

AMERICAN RIVER THEATRE; Paper Angels, Jan. 23-26; Arsenic and Old Lace Feb. 28-Mar. 9; The Darker Face of the Earth, Apr. 25-May 4; 4700 College Oak Dr. 484-8234

CALIFORNIA MUSICAL THEATER; Keeping the Dream Alive: A Gospel Celebration in Song, Word, and Dance, thru Jan. 19; Saturday Night Fever, Mar. 12-23; Les Miserables, Apr. 23-May 4; Mamma Mia!, June 4-15; Cats, July 8-20; The World Goes 'Round, July 22-27; Damn Yankees, July 29-Aug. 3; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Aug. 5-10; Brigadoon, Aug. 12-17; The Will Rogers Follies, Aug. 19-24; Ragtime, Aug. 26-31; 1419 H St., 557-1999

CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; 929-6655

CHAUTAUQUA THEATRE; A Doll's House, thru Feb. 15; Mindgame, Feb. 28-Apr. 5; In the Sweet Bye and Bye, Apr. 18-May 24; 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-7529

CSUS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS; Simply Enchanting, Feb. 8-9; University Theatre, 6000 J St., 278-4323

GEARY THEATRE; Close-up: Tilda Swinton, Jan. 28; American Buffalo, thru Feb. 9; Close-up: Cheryl Dunye, Feb. 10; Close-up: Christine Vachon, Feb. 27; The Dazzle, Mar. 5; Close-up: Rob Epstein & Jeffrey Friedman, Mar. 6; Close-up: Barbara Hammer, Mar. 13; The Constant Wife, April 16; Urinetown, The Musical, July 16; 405 Geary St., SF, 415-749-2228

GEERY THEATRE; Sci-Fi Hotel: The Musical, Jan. 23-Feb. 15; 2130 L St. 484-4742

MAGIC CIRCLE REPERTORY THEATRE; Anything Goes, thru Feb. 8; Roseville Theatre, 241 Vernon St., Roseville, 782-1777

MAGIC THEATRE; Body Familiar, thru Feb.2; Ft. Mason Center, Landmark Bldg. D, SF, 415-771-5505, www.magictheatre.org

NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER; Closer Than Ever, Jan. 18-Feb. 23; Thief River, Jan. 18-Mar. 9; Love Notes, Jan. 18-Aug.10; In the Garden, Feb. 1-Mar. 30; 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 415-861-8972, www.nctcsf.org

ORPHEUM THEATRE; The Producers, Mar. 5-Apr.26; 1192 Market St., SF, 415-512-7770

PALMS; Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion, Jan. 15; Utah Philips with Paul Kamm, Eleor MacDonald, and Bohdi Busick, Jan. 17; Rev. Billy C. Wirtz, Jan. 22; Woody Guthrie Tribute Tour, Jan. 23; Lou & Peter Berryman, Jan. 24; Chris Webster with Catherine Webster and Scott Nygard, Jan. 25; Catie Curtis, Jan. 26; Joe Craven, Jan. 30; Corby Yates, Jan. 31; Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings, Feb. 8; Mumbo Gumbo, Feb. 14; Marcia Ball, Feb. 23; John Gorka, Feb. 27; Robin & Linda Williams, Feb. 28; Chris Smither, Mar. 8; Tempest, Mar. 22; Ian Tyson, Mar. 27; Judy Fjell, Mar. 29

SACRAMENTO BALLET; Sacramento Community Center Theatre; Modern Masters, May 1-4, University Theater at CSUS; 552-5800 Ext. 101

T STREET THEATER; The Ransom of Red Chief, thru Feb.1; 4623 T St, 264-8890

THEATRE RHINOCEROS; Amnesia, Jan. 16-Feb. 15; Strangers In Paradox, Mar. 13-Apr. 12; C*S*:A Love Story, May 8-June 7; 2926 16th St., SF, 415-861-5079, www.therhino.org

THE STUDIO THEATRE; Six Women With Brain Death; 1028 R St., 446-2668

24th STREET THEATRE; Boy Meets Boy, thru Jan. 25; 2791 24th St., 484-4742

UC DAVIS PRESENTS; Chris Potter Quartet, Jan. 15-18; Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra, Jan. 18; Ju-Young Baek, Jan. 19; Aeros, Jan. 23; Habib Koite & Bamada, Jan. 25; Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Jan. 29; Kodo, Feb. 1; Fred Garbo Theater, Feb. 2; Bring in 'Da Noise..., Sherman Alexie, Feb. 3; Feb. 11-12; Voice of the Dragon, Feb. 13; Mingus Big Band, Feb. 15; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Feb. 18-19; Boys Choir of Harlem, Feb. 22; Band of the Grenadier Guards, Feb. 26; Lizt Alfonso Dance Cube, Mar. 7; Trinity Irish Dance Company, Mar. 13; Peking Opera, Mar. 15; Landis & Co, Mar. 16; Aquila Theatre Co, Mar. 20,22; Stephen Hawking, Mar. 23; Stuttgart Ballet, Mar. 25; London City Opera, Mar. 27; Herbie Hancock, Mar. 29; Martin Kasik, Mar. 30; Fosse, Apr. 1-2; Tango Buenos Aires, Apr. 4; Academy of Ancient Music, Apr. 5; Lord of the Dance, Apr. 8; Sound Stage, Apr.11-12; Wayne Shorter, Apr. 17; Youssou N'Dour, Apr. 23; Ronald K Brown/Evidence, Apr. 25-26; The Flaming Idiots, Apr. 27; Afro-Cuban All Stars, Apr. 30; Edward O Wilson, May 5; St Martin in the Fields, May 9; Apasionada, May 16-17; 530-757-3199

THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; The Sunshine Boys, Jan 24-Feb 23; The King and I, March 28-April 27; The Lone Star Love Potion, May 23-June 22; 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

ZEUM THEATER ATYERBA BUENA GARDENS; Colossus of Rhodes, Jan. 22; Howard & 4th Sts., SF; 415-749-2228

FEBRUARY

1 SATURDAY

JOHN MUIR NAT'L HISTORIC SITE HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 736-1430

MUSEUM DAY, Sacramento Association of Museums, 10am-5pm; 19 locations, 641-3501

2 SUNDAY

LESBIAN AND GAY LIFE PARTNERS, 5pm; Lambda Community Center, 19th & L St., 276-3273

SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 10am; Faces, 2000 K St., 338-3760

WURLITZER POPS CONCERT WITH TOM THOMPSON, Sierra Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society, 2pm; Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, 7997 California Street, Fair Oaks, 682-9699

5 WEDNESDAY

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES, 7 pm; Varsity Theatre, 616 2nd St., Davis, 752-1915 or 758-8058

6 THURSDAY

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES, 7 pm; Varsity Theatre, 616 2nd St., Davis, 752-1915 or 758-8058

7 FRIDAY

THEODORE ROSZACK, The Open Book, 7pm; 910 21st St., 498-1004, www.openbookltd.com

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES, 7 pm; Varsity Theatre, 616 2nd St., Davis, 752-1915 or 758-8058

8 SATURDAY

MT. TAMALPAIS WATERFALL HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 421-6209

SACWN VALENTINE'S DANCE, 7pm-midnight; 2003 Howe Ave, 284-5819

VALENTINE PET ADOPTION FAIR, 11am-3pm; San Francisco SPCA, 243 Alabama St., SF, 415-522-3569, www.sfspca.org

9 SUNDAY

URBAN CONDITIONING HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 421-4959

11 TUESDAY

"PUPPETRY OF THE PENIS", thru 14th; Crest Theatre, 766-2277 or www.tickets.com

12 WEDESDAY

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

13 THURSDAY

"NO SECRET ANYMORE: THE TIMES OF DEL MARTIN & PHYLLIS LYON," Castro Theatre, SF, 415-355-9988

SACRAMENTO STORYTELLERS GUILD, 7:30pm; Hart Senior Center, 27th & J. St., 863-1121

15 SATURDAY

DARWIN DAY FESTIVAL, Humanist Association of the Greater Sac. Area, 2:30-5 pm; Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., 448-9373

SAN FRANCISCO INT'L GIFT FAIR, thru Feb. 19; Concourse Exhibition Hall, SF, www.sfigf.com

WINTER WHITE PARTY, Stonewall Alliance Center, 7pm-1am; Park Tower Pavillion, 21st & Park Ave., Chico, 530-893-3336, www.stonewallchico.org

17 MONDAY

PRESIDENT'S DAY

LESBIANS-CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm; Fair Oaks United Methodist Church, 9849 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 920-7870 or Roxanne1070@aol.com

21 FRIDAY

GHALLIB DHALIA, 7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st. St., 498-1004

22 SATURDAY

ALEXANDER CHEE, 7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st. St., 498-1004

SIRENS FOOTBALL, pre-season exhibition vs. Oakland Banshees, Santa Rosa Scorchers, San Francisco StingRayz; time/location TBA, www.sacramentosirens.com

23 SUNDAY

PERFORMANCE GALA AUCTION, Best of Broadway, 6-9pm; The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Dr., 974-6280, www.bestofbroadway.org

25 TUESDAY

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL 2003 AWARDS DINNER, 5:30pm; Sheraton Grand Hotel, 1230 J St., 486-0906

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Art Galleries

AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATRE; Max Kellenberger: Photographs, thru Mar. 16; Deborah Barlow: Paintings, Mar. 27-June 8; Elizabeth Mead: Sculpture & Scenography, June 24-July 27; 30 Grant St., SF, 415-439-2437, www.act-sf.org

AMHERST GALLERY; Flowers: Works of Rex Bruce; thru Mar. 1; 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville, (707) 869-3035

BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Face Of Buddha: Sculpture From India, China, Japan, and Southeast Asia, thru 2003; 2625 Durant Ave., 510-642-1208

CA. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Philip Guston's Poor Richard thru Jan. 26; Winslow Homer, thru Feb.9; Max Ernst: Surrealism in Artists' Books, thru Feb. 23;100 34th Ave., SF, 415-750-3614

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART; Heavy Metals Melted by Fire, thru Feb. 1; 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 927-2278

CHROMA GALLERY; Feast of Lights, thru Feb. 2; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 966-6020

CROCKER ART MUSEUM; Pilot Hill Collection of Contemporary Art, thru Feb. 23; Beyond the Mines: The Art of Gold, Jan. 28-Mar.16; Seven Centuries of Southeast Asian Ceramics, Feb. 14-May 25; Strange Fruit: New Paintings by Hung Liu; 216 O St., 264-5423 www.crockerartmuseum.org

EXPLODING HEAD GALLERY; Jan Freeman Long-Puintings, Lea Pianna-Light Sculpture, Gale Hart-Pencil Drawings, thruFeb. 1; 924 12th St., 442-8424

JOHN NATSOULAS GALLERY; Kim Frohsin, Boyd Gavin, David RBJ DeCristoforo; thru Feb. 2; 521 1st St., Davis, 530-756-3938

LAVENDER LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & CULTURAL EXCHANGE (LLACE); Didier Tisdel Jaen; 1414 21st St., 492-0558

PHOENIX FRAMING & GALLERY; 1901 Capitol Ave., 447-1632

RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY; UC Davis Art Center, 1 Shields Ave., 530-752-8500

SAC. FINE ARTS CENTER; American Watercolor Society, Jan. 17-Feb. 16; 5330 Gibson Dr., Carm., 991-2708

SAC. VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS CENTER; 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd, 441-2341

SF MOMA; Diane Arbus: Revelations, thru Feb. 15; August Sander: People of the 20th Century, thru Feb.23; Architecture + Water, thru March 23; Body Design, thru March 23; No Ghost, Just a Shell: The Ann Lee Project, thru March 23; Andreas Gursky, Feb.15-June 1; Paul Klee, Mar. 1-June 8; Marc Chagall, July 26-Nov. 4; 151 3rd St., SF, 415-357-4000

SOLOMON DUBNICK; What to See in 2003: Invitational Group Exhibit, thru Feb. 1; What to See .in 2003, thru Feb. 1; Full Bloom: Ken Waterstreet, MettleWorks:Ann Mueller, Feb. 6-Mar. 1; Gabriel Paolieri & Phil Evans, Mar. 6-Apr. 5; 2131 Northrup, 920-4547

TOWER FRAMING & DESIGN GALLERY; The Artists' Arcana, Feb. 6-Mar.1; Amber Cook--New Works, Mar. 6-Apr. 5; 2131 Northrop, Suite B, 923-6204

TOYROOM GALLERY; The Harried Housewife & Other Scary Creatures, Jan. 17-18; "in the alley" between Sloat Way & 2nd. Ave.; 457-5269, www.toyroomgallery.com

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM; Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals: 1933-1945, thru Mar. 16; Washington, DC, 202-347-2770

VIEWPOINT GALLERY; Lewis Kemper, thru Feb. 14; Sac. Valley Photographic Art Center, 551 Seqoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341, www.viewpointgallery.org

WEINSTEIN GALLERY; 10th Anniversary, thru Jan. 19; 383 Geary St., SF, 415-362-8151, www.weinstein.com

27 THURSDAY

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC at 25th ANNUAL KENNEDY CENTER HONORS, 9pm; CBS

MARCH

1 SATURDAY

25th SYDNEY MARDI GRAS PARADE, Sydney, Australia, www.mardigras.com.au

2 SUNDAY

LESBIAN AND GAY LIFE PARTNERS, 5pm; Lambda Community Center, 19th & L St., 276-3273

SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 10am; Faces, 2000 K St., 338-3760

6 THURSDAY

MARDI PAWS, SF SPCA, 7pm; SF Gift Center, 888 Brannan St., SF, 415-522-3535, www.barkandwhine.org

8 SATURDAY

SIRENS FOOTBALL, vs. Oakland Banshees; time/location TBA, www.sacramentosirens.com

13 THURSDAY

SACRAMENTO STORYTELLERS GUILD, 7:30pm; Hart Senior Center, 27th & J. St., 863-1121

15 SATURDAY

ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE JOURNALISTS 4th NATIONAL CONFERENCE, through 18th, San Francisco Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf, 800-233-1234

17 MONDAY

LESBIANS-CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm; Fair Oaks United Methodist Church, 9849 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 920-7870 or Roxanne1070@aol.com

22 SATURDAY

SIRENS FOOTBALL, vs. Santa Rosa Scorchers; time/location TBA, www.sacramentosirens.com

31 MONDAY

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

APRIL

3 THURSDAY

BIGHORN RODEO 2003, thru Apr. 6; Las Vegas, www.bighornrodeo.com

OUTBOARD 2003, thru 6th; Steamboat Springs, CO, www.outboard.org

6 SUNDAY

LESBIAN AND GAY LIFE PARTNERS, 5pm; Lambda Community Center, 19th & L St., 276-3273

SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 10am; Faces, 2000 K St., 338-3760

7 MONDAY

RADIO-TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, thru 9th; Las Vegas, 800-80-RTNDA

11 FRIDAY

NATIONAL BLACK LESBIAN CONFERENCE, Zuna Institute, thru Apr. 13; Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Westside, LA, 800-333-3333

21 MONDAY

LESBIANS-CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30-8pm; Fair Oaks United Methodist Church, 9849 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 920-7870 or Roxanne1070@aol.com

26 SATURDAY

GLAAD MEDIA AWARDS, Westin St. Francis, SF, www.glaad.org

SIRENS FOOTBALL, vs. San Francisco StingRayz; time/location TBA, www.sacramentosirens.com

MAY

3 SATURDAY

SIRENS FOOTBALL, vs. Southern California Bladez; time/location TBA, www.sacramentosirens.com

Master Events Calendar

Real Women Project, realwomenproject.com.	January 20-22, 2003
Day of Silence, www.dayofsilence.org	April 9, 2003
Earth Day, EarthDay.net.	April 22, 2003
Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, sacjazz.com.	May 2003
Sacramento Freedom Fair, 442-0185.	June , 2003
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415-703-8650.	June , 2003
San Francisco Pride Parade, 415-864-0831, sfpride.org.	June 28-29, 2003
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766.	August 2003
Provincetown GLBT Family Week, 619-296-0199, familypride.org.	August 2003
Sacramento Sierra Stampede, 978-4040	August 2003
Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2003, 448-7798	Labor Day Weekend
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2002
S.F. Folsom Street Fair, 415-861-3247	September 2002
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October
Interpride, www.interpride.org	October 2-5, 2003
National Coming Out Day.	October 2003
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October 2002
California Domestic Partners Law Anniversary.	November 16, 2002
S.F. Harvey Milk and George Moscone Killed.	November 27, 1978

Business Directory

Adoptions
Family Alliance, 9719 Lincoln Village Dr. Ste. 401, 364-8914

AIDS Services
Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., #321, 447-AIDS

C.A.R.E.S., 1500 21 St., 443-3299

Hand to Hand Foundation, 1500 21st St., 443-3299 ext. 6265/6266

Heart to Heart Emotional Support Group, 1500 21st St., 386-2504

Metropolitan Community Center For AIDS, 1722 J St. #B, 447-2444

Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt, 3104 O St., PMB 357, ozinsac@aol.com, 484-5646

Associations
Alcoholics Anonymous, 2631B Riverside Blvd., Dan, 486-0331, Karla, 568-6714

Capital City Hoopsters, gaybasketball.com

Capital City Squares, CapitalCitySqrs@aol.com, 929-8697

CAP PAC, Capitol Political Action Committee, 736-2722

Female to Male Sac., 646-1417, kpboxer@yahoo.com

FrontRunners & Walkers, 974-8199, frontrunners.org

Gay Fathers of Sac., 484-5636

Hand to Hand Foundation, 1500 21st St., 443-3299 ext. 6265/6266

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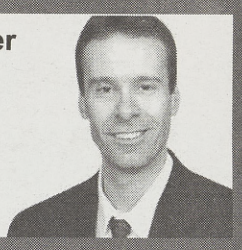

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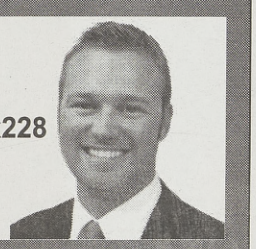

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